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**BOARD OF  
FISH COMMISSIONERS**

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**BIENNIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
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**HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
1929**

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

His Excellency Governor John S. Fisher,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

*Sir:*

Conforming to the provisions of Article V, Section 504, of the Administrative Code, we have the honor to present herewith report of the operations of the Board of Fish Commissioners, for the period from June 1, 1926, to May 31, 1928.

For your convenience we have set forth briefly the accomplishments during your administration. The balance of the report covers the various activities in detail.

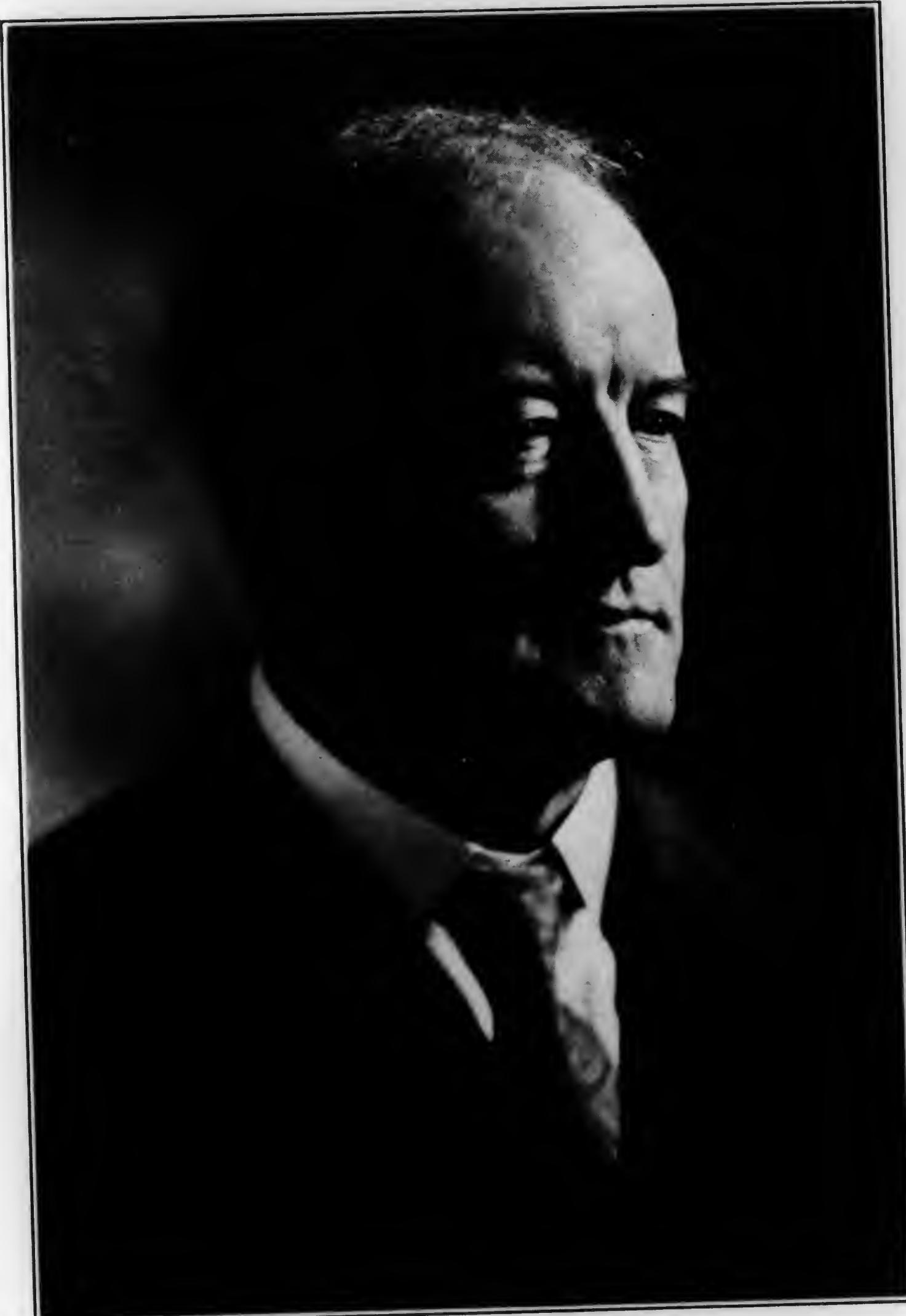
We believe with all sincerity that this report indicates more advancement than at any other time during the administration of the fisheries, and with the program for the future, Pennsylvania's fish cultural work should be far in advance of any other state in the Union.

One of the greatest needs is more fish for our waters. Before the end of the next biennium two new Hatcheries will be in full operation, which will greatly increase the output of all species.

*Respectfully,*

BOARD OF FISH COMMISSIONERS

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DOCTOR WILLIAM MANN IRVINE

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### *An Appreciation of his Life and Work*

It rarely happens that one person is gifted with so many and such diverse abilities as were possessed by William Mann Irvine.

He had the mind of a true scholar and the heart of a boy. He loved books and he loved the woods and the mountains, among which he lived and in which he delighted to roam. He possessed what is called a "well-rounded character," which was strengthened and beautified by all of the graces of a manly Christian life.

It was because of this richness of his manhood that he made Mercersburg Academy, not only one of the outstanding boys schools in Pennsylvania, but also one of the best known schools in the United States. He not only sought to educate the intellect of his students, but to also make real men of every boy who came in contact with him.

Dr. Irvine has not passed away. He lives in the character of every boy who came to Mercersburg to be fitted for real life. He so impressed himself upon everything about him that even the school buildings of his beloved Academy will reflect his noble and devoted manhood so long as they endure. The sweet strains of music of the Chimes at Mercersburg, as they steal through the morning or evening hours along the foothills of the mountains will always tell of a life which was richer and sweeter than any music ever made by the hands of man.

Doctor William Mann Irvine was Headmaster of Mercersburg Academy. He was appointed a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners on March 21, 1924. He died Monday evening June 11, 1928, at his home, North Cottage, on the Academy campus after an illness of less than a week's duration. He collapsed while directing the "Steps Songs" at the annual commencement exercises, a custom he had established and carried out each year from the time he took over the management of the institution.

The Board of Fish Commissioners feels very keenly its great loss in the death of Doctor Irvine.

At a special meeting of the Board the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take from us the soul of our friend and fellow Commissioner Doctor William Mann Irvine: and

Whereas, we are filled with deepest grief and an inconsolable sense of loss by his being thus taken from us. Nevertheless, we are not without hope that, while he has been removed for a time from our midst, that he is reaping his reward in some existence high above the transient things of earth, therefore be it

Resolved, that even though his form will be no longer with us, that his life and his example will live and be an inspiration to each of us, to give as he gave—his best efforts to this Commission, to his State and to his Country, and while we shall miss him at our councils for his sincerity and honesty of purpose, we resolve to endeavor to carry on as he would have helped us to had he been spared, and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the Minutes of the Board of Fish Commissioners, and that a copy thereof, duly certified by the Members of the Board, be forwarded to Mrs. Irvine and family, to the Trustees of Mercersburg Academy and to the public press.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FISH COMMISSIONERS FOR THE BIENNIAL ENDING MAY 31, 1928

Results speak for the efficiency of any Board or Commission. In submitting to the fishermen the accomplishments during the last biennium and the program and recommendations for the future, the Board of Fish Commissioners believes that it indicates more decided advancement in its many endeavors than during any similar period in its history.

Briefly, the outstanding accomplishments for the benefit of the angler and the program and recommendations for the future are as follows:

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### PURCHASE AND DEVELOPMENT OF SITES FOR NEW HATCHERIES

After a careful survey of all sites offered, purchase was completed of a site on Tubbs Run, Tionesta, Forest County. Active development of this site has been in progress during the last biennium and will be so far completed during 1929 that fish will be distributed. This will also be true at Reynoldsdale, Bedford County, site for which was purchased in 1925. The addition of these two new hatcheries will greatly increase the output of fish. They will be fully equipped for the propagation and distribution of all species.

#### INCREASED FACILITIES FOR PROPAGATION OF BLACK BASS

At the Pleasant Mount Hatchery one hundred daphnae ponds have been constructed for the propagation of daphnae which is so essential in the life of the young bass. This is real progress and the next biennium will see a considerable increase in the output of black bass.

#### EXTENSIONS TO PRESENT HATCHERIES

Extensive additions have been made to the hatcheries at Pleasant Mount, Corry, Union City, Bellefonte, Torresdale, which will greatly increase the output. The Board looks upon these improvements as the one outstanding accomplishment for the reason that their completion made it possible to distribute fish of a size where they would be able to care for themselves. This means there will be more and better fishing, as the streams and waters can only be brought back by stocking large size fish. Results shown during the last biennium have proved this.

The size and age of fish now distributed is as follows:

No trout are distributed except one and two year olds, ranging in size from 6 to 8, 10 and 12 inches.

Bass, three to six months old, 2 to 6 inches in size.

Sunfish, four months to one year old, 1½ to 5 inches in size.

Catfish, four months to one year old, 1½ to 8 inches in size.

All minnows distributed are adults.

Thousands of one and two year old pike perch and yellow perch are also distributed.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUREAU OF RESEARCH

One of the urgent needs of the Board was met by establishing a Bureau of Research. This Bureau makes studies of the fish cultural problems confronting Pennsylvania hatcheries. The accomplishments of the Bureau during the last biennium covers:

First, the selective breeding of the yellow perch and the retaining of them in sufficient numbers to furnish eggs for all jar hatcheries.

Second, the collecting of yellow perch eggs by the use of artificial spawning pens, thus increasing the egg crop by very nearly fifty per cent.

Third, the retaining of brook trout in warm water ponds during the winter months, thus greatly increasing the holding capacity at some hatcheries by making ponds produce two or three crops, where they only used to produce one.

Fourth, by increasing the holding capacity for certain ponds by replacing the old intakes with pipe sprays.

Fifth, the selection and the propagation of the proper forage fish for the baby bass.

Sixth, by a corrective diet to be able to hold parent bass from year to year without becoming sterile.

Seventh, the treatment of pond bottom to help promote a natural growth of fish food organisms.

Eighth, a practical method for sterilizing infected ponds and tank areas.

Ninth, a practical treatment for the flatworm, Gyrodactylus.

Tenth, a practical treatment for certain bacterial diseases caused by handling certain fish in high water temperature.

Eleventh, revolutionizing the methods of transportation by the use of transportation pails and trucks.

Twelfth, the utilization of certain milk products and cereal in feeding some species of warm water fish.

#### INCREASED FISHING WATERS FOR THE PUBLIC

Rapid strides have been made by the Board towards increasing fishing waters for the present and future generations. The largest project opened through the efforts of the Board is Lake Wallenpaupack. This lake covers between seven and eight thousand acres, is approximately fourteen miles long and varies in width from two to two and one-half miles. For two years the Board stocked this lake with millions of pike perch, yellow perch, bluegill sunfish, catfish, minnows and bass. It is the most popular resort in Pennsylvania. It is estimated that 100,000 fishermen enjoyed this lake during the fishing season.

Another project in the making which will be open to public fishing is Pymatuning Reservoir, which will have a water area of 17,880 acres, will be twenty times larger than Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, and about one-third larger than Chautauqua Lake, New York. It will hold 74,000,000,000 gallons of water and have an irregular shore line of seventy miles.

The Conowingo Dam in the Susquehanna River at Conowingo, Maryland, has created a lake twelve miles long, five miles of which is in Pennsylvania. During 1928 Pennsylvania stocked this lake with several million sunfish, catfish, yellow perch, pike perch and bass. The owners of this lake, in lieu of a fishway, contribute \$4,000 annually towards stocking these waters in Pennsylvania and a like amount for Maryland.

#### LEGISLATION

The Resident Fisherman's License Law was amended increasing the Resident License Fee from \$1.00 to \$1.50. This will increase the revenue of the Board from \$100,000 to \$150,000 each year, the money to be used for the purchase and development of new sites for hatcheries.

#### DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of fish for the year 1926 totalled 326,736,567, representing a value of \$545,787.53, if purchased from a commercial hatchery. For 1927 the distribution was 234,644,455, valued at \$463,157.12 making a total for the biennium of 561,381,022, or a value of \$1,008,944.65. In comparison with the amount of money received, this represents a dividend to the fishermen of over \$300,000.

#### STOCKING STATE FORESTS

During the last biennium the streams and waters within the State Forests were stocked with 32,057,400 yellow perch and 301,750 trout, sunfish, catfish, pike perch and pickerel.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION

For the information of the public the following bulletins were published during the biennium:

Bulletin No. 1—Fish Ponds for the Land Owners.

Bulletin No. 2—Selective Breeding of the Yellow Perch.

Bulletin No. 3—The Aquatic Life maintained at the Wayne Fish Hatchery.

Bulletin No. 4—A treatise on the Fish of Pennsylvania.

Bulletin No. 5—Method of caring for Goldfish in the Pennsylvania State Hatchery Aquariums.

Bulletin No. 6—Methods Employed in Producing the Bullfrog Tadpoles.

#### PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board adopted the following program and recommendations for the future which it believes is for the best interests of the fishermen:

#### APPLICATIONS FOR FISH

After a careful study of the question of distribution of fish to the streams and waters throughout the Commonwealth, the Board of Fish Commissioners has adopted the following program:

Trout—That in the distribution of trout, it will accept applications only for the main streams in the various counties; that is, the streams known as the major streams, having sufficient volume of water throughout the year, and giving ample protection for the trout. Naturally this class of stream is not affected to any great extent in the time of drought.

For many years applicants have been filing applications for hundreds of small tributary streams, believing it was better to stock the small tributaries than the main streams. It is a proven fact that with the size trout being distributed by the Pennsylvania Board of Fish Commissioners, they should be placed in the main streams and not the tributaries. Therefore, the Board of Fish Commissioners, in the future, will only accept applications for the main streams. By stocking the main streams the fishermen will not only be saving the trout but bettering the fishing conditions in their vicinity.

The trout distributed by the Board are known as "one and two year olds" ranging in size from 6 to 8, 10 and 12 inches.

Black Bass—As to the black bass, experience has proven not only in Pennsylvania but in other sections of the United States that this is a species of fish not suitable for planting in our small lakes and ponds.

streams. The Board of Fish Commissioners has therefore ruled that clubs, associations and individuals should confine their efforts insofar as the distribution of bass is concerned to the large streams which are suitable. There is no doubt in the mind of the Board but that it is a great mistake to plant black bass in our small lakes, streams and ponds if fishing is to be expected.

Sunfish, Yellow Perch, Etc.—In the distribution of sunfish, yellow perch, pike perch, catfish, etc., the Board has ruled it will continue along the same lines as previously and accept applications for all waters in which these species of fish would be suitable.

The Board feels certain that by confining its efforts to those waters which are suitable it will be improving fishing conditions and we know the fishermen will cooperate in every way possible.

#### COMMERCIAL HATCHERY LICENSE FOR PROPAGATION OF MINNOWS

In order to assist the fishermen in securing an adequate supply of minnows, the Board issued fifty licenses for their propagation.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIOLOGICAL STATION ON PRESQUE ISLE PENINSULA

The Board pledged its full support to the project of the University of Pittsburgh towards the construction of a Biological Research Station on Presque Isle Peninsula.

#### COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH IN ITS EXTENSION WORK AT ERIE

The Board adopted a program of cooperation with the University of Pittsburgh by turning over to the Director of the Extension School at Erie, Pennsylvania, sufficient floor space in the hatchery for laboratory purposes. In doing this, the Board furthered its own research problems pertaining to fish food, diseases, etc., and it will be of distinct advantage to the Board.

#### COOPERATION WITH STATES, FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, DOMINION OF CANADA

In order to assist the Board in securing species of fish and eggs which are not obtainable in Pennsylvania, a program was set up whereby exchanges could be made with various States on the basis of supplying those States with a like number of some species propagated by Pennsylvania.

**COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES BUREAU OF FISHERIES IN SURVEY OF GREAT LAKES**

A program was adopted with the United States Bureau of Fisheries in connection with cooperative fishery investigations in Lake Erie.

**STOCKING STREAMS WITHIN THE STATE FORESTS**

A conference was held with the Secretary of Forests and Waters and the Board adopted a new program in reference to stocking the waters within the State Forests.

**PERMITS FOR TAKING FROGS FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES**

In order to assist medical colleges, universities, zoological societies etc., to secure frogs for scientific purposes, the Board authorized that permits be issued to those in authority; however, they are to be confined solely to the taking of frogs.

**MOTOR BOATS ON INLAND WATERS**

The Board went on record as being opposed to the use of motor boats on inland waters for the reason that they have a tendency in shallow water to destroy the aquatic plant life, which is very essential to young fish. They also destroy the nesting grounds which are in shallow water. The constant agitation over a lake or stream is detrimental to the fish. It is not possible to have both motor boats and good fishing.

**COOPERATION WITH THE SANITARY WATER BOARD**

During the last biennium cooperation was continued with the Sanitary Water Board. The program was further strengthened by authorizing the Commissioner of Fisheries to interview those responsible when fish are killed, and in lieu of the fine suggest a settlement or exchange. Settlements in several cases were effected, ranging from \$30 to \$1,000, the money being used for stocking the particular waters in which fish were destroyed. The fine is only one hundred dollars regardless of the seriousness of the offense.

**POSTED AREAS**

Where lands are properly posted fishermen must abide by the law covering trespassing. Many of these waters should be acquired for the fishermen either by purchase or lease. The Board's recommendation would be that the fishermen get behind a bill increasing the license fee, or making an appropriation specifically for this purpose.

**INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HATCHERIES**

Funds have not been available to carry out the program of ten hatcheries. The Board still recommends that this should be done in order that the number of fish distributed to our streams and waters may be increased.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FISH CODE**

The Board recommended the following amendments to the present fish code:

Amend sections of law in reference to muscallonge and western pike by adding northern pike, and reducing the size from 28 to 22 inches.

Amend section in reference to seine licenses by striking out portion in reference to the Susquehanna River. This amendment should be made as shad are no longer entering Pennsylvania waters owing to the construction of the Conowingo Dam.

Amend section in reference to commercial hatchery licenses so it provides for—

The propagation of all species of trout upon the payment of \$25.00.

The propagation of all species of bass, \$25.00.

The propagation of goldfish, \$5.00.

The propagation of any other species of fish, \$5.00.

Amend section in reference to commercial hatcheries so that the bait dealer can have bait in his possession until disposed of, providing they are purchased from a commercial grower of bait.

Amend section in reference to fishways so that in lieu of their installation the Board can make arrangements for other compensation. There is no practicable fishway in existence applicable to Pennsylvania waters and this amendment will allow the Board to secure a settlement for stocking waters created by the construction of any dam.

Amend section in reference to special fish wardens so that commissions will expire on December 31st instead of May 31st.

## PURIFICATION OF WATERS

The purification of our waters means much to the fishermen of the Commonwealth, and the Board of Fish Commissioners has been cooperating to its fullest extent with the Sanitary Water Board. If the fishermen will support the program of the Sanitary Water Board and lend every assistance, the results will mean much to them in the way of additional fishing waters.

There are many problems to be considered in handling this great question, and much progress has been made during the last biennium, as their report will show.

The Commissioner of Fisheries is a member of this Board and believing that the fishermen would be interested in its program which will increase the mileage of streams for fishing and recreational purposes, the following information is supplied:

The chief objective of the Sanitary Water Board of the State of Pennsylvania is to bring about improvement in the sanitary condition of the streams of Pennsylvania and to make them increasingly useful.

The streams of any State are one of its most essential assets. Most of Pennsylvania's water supplies are derived from surface streams and our cities and towns could not exist without adequate water supplies and upon their purity largely depends control of typhoid fever among the consumers.

The automobile, the splendid system of improved highways in Pennsylvania and the increase in outdoor recreation have within recent years, brought to the attention of large numbers of our city and town dwellers the condition of our streams, even in the more remote parts of the State.

Our people should and will have available for their recreational use, cleanly streams in suitable places, where the public will always be welcome to fish in a legal and orderly manner.

There are about 100,000 miles of streams in Pennsylvania varying from the tiny rivulet arising at a hillside spring to the mighty flow of the Susquehanna, Ohio and Delaware Rivers.

These streams flow through many kinds of country, the State Forests, the undeveloped mountainous districts, the agricultural areas, the oil fields, a large part of the State where rich coal deposits are found and mined, and through valleys having a dense municipal and industrial development.

It, therefore, follows, that there must be a corresponding variation in the use and condition of these streams.

With our modern civilization, our sewered towns, our enormous industrial developments, it is impossible to find the streams draining such areas in the condition which our forefathers knew them, when Pennsylvania was in its primeval condition, clad with virgin forests and inhabited by Indians.

The Sanitary Water Board fully recognizing the magnitude of the problem of the control of stream pollution is approaching this task in a practical state of mind to attain the best results in a way which will foster the prosperity of this great Commonwealth, and to that end adopted a resolution in 1923 providing for the classification of the waters of the State into three great groups.

Class A Streams are those which are unpolluted from artificial sources and the Board has done and will continue to do all that lies within its power to not only preserve their cleanliness but where practicable, to extend their length.

Through the hearty cooperation of the Board of Fish Commissioners, surveys are underway in fifteen counties where it was anticipated that the maximum mileage of Class A streams would be found.

As a result of this work the Sanitary Water Board has designated in seven counties about 5000 miles of streams as Class A, and through the abatement of first sources of pollution, have extended their length about 100 miles.

As this work progresses it is expected that a very large mileage of Pennsylvania streams will be thus designated as Class A.

Class B streams are those which are more or less polluted and hence generally found in the developed parts of the State. The resolution of the Board fixed the policy that the degree of treatment of pollution arising on their watershed will be determined by a consideration of the present and probable future use and condition of the stream; the practicability of remedial measures for abatement of pollution, the economies of each particular case, and the general interests of the public through protection of the public health; the health of animals, fish and aquatic life and the use of the stream for recreational purposes.

Class C streams are those now so polluted that they cannot be used as sources of public water supply, will not support fish life and are not used for recreational purposes and also, from the standpoint of the public interest and practicability, it is not now necessary, economical or advisable to attempt to restore them to a clean condition.

It is a big task to make the necessary field surveys in order that the Board may designate streams as either Class B or C.

A mere walking along a stream and looking at it, does not give a real picture of its condition, nor does such a survey disclose its use as oftentimes important water works intakes are not in evidence. Trained Sanitary Engineers are required to make these surveys and the Sanitary Water Board is planning to do this work by means of motorized laboratories so that as the engineer traverses the stream he can stop from time to time, take samples of the stream water and of substances discharged into the stream and make analyses at once in the field, as many such samples change in character if transported to a central laboratory.

One of the important duties of the Board is the matter of issuance of sewerage permits.

State law requires such permits shall be issued to municipalities before public sewers shall be constructed and when such plans are submitted with application for permit they are examined by engineers and a field inspection made, reports on which are submitted to the Board for its consideration in connection with the issuance of the permit.

The Board has continued the policy of the Department of Health in past years by always encouraging and requiring in permits that municipalities should cause to be prepared comprehensive plans of sewer systems in order that municipal funds shall be spent along orderly lines rather than toward the building of a haphazard sewer system.

The Board also recognizes full well that municipalities have many demands for proper expenditure of their available funds and that in many cases it is not practical for a municipality to raise the money to immediately build a complete system of intercepting sewers, pumping stations and sewage treatment works, and, therefore, the Board encourages municipalities to adopt financial programs for the progressive construction of these needed works over a number of years which brings the project within the financial ability of the town.

One of the most difficult problems in improving the sanitary condition of the waters of the State is the matter of disposal of industrial wastes.

Some industrial wastes probably contain materials of value which can be recovered as by-products.

For some industrial wastes, and the number is probably not large, there are now known, reasonable and practicable ways and means for treatment in order that an effluent can be produced capable of discharge into the stream without harm.

But for a majority of industrial wastes there is today not known reasonable and practicable methods of treatment and disposal.

For many years past, attempts at enforcement of drastic legislation for the abatement of stream pollution by industrial wastes had been of no avail. The Sanitary Water Board frankly recognizing this state of affairs, has inaugurated what is believed to be a new procedure, namely, cooperation with industry in groups for the solution of this vexatious problem.

In 1924 the Board proposed such cooperation to the leather tanning companies operating in Pennsylvania and the outcome was the execution of an agreement between these companies and the Board whereby the leather tanners have created a fund of \$35,000 which is being expended by a committee of experts in scientific investigations to determine just what are the characteristics of tannery wastes, how it can be practically treated and to what extent streams of different rates of flow can inoffensively receive such waste waters.

As a result of these investigations it is believed that the first step in practical processes of treatment of tannery wastes are nearly found.

The Board next approached the pulp and paper industry of Pennsylvania and again a committee of experts was appointed who have been studying the problem. A formal agreement was made with the pulp and paper companies which to date, has been executed by 22 of them, including practically all of the largest pulp and paper mills of the State having an aggregate daily capacity of six million pounds.

Intensive research investigations of pulp and paper mill waste disposal will be undertaken by a committee of experts under this agreement.

The Board has entered into an agreement with a laundry whereby full scale investigations will be made of a process of treating laundry wastes which was originally devised by one of the engineers of the Department of Health.

The treatment of laundry wastes has been heretofore almost an unsolved problem.

The Board firmly believes that more and surer progress will be made by such cooperative investigations than in any other way.

The new Sanitary Water Board under the administration of Governor Fisher, has adopted a very important resolution which establishes four important policies. The resolution is as follows:

**WHEREAS:** It is essential for the Sanitary Water Board to determine certain basic policies for its own guidance and

**WHEREAS:** It will facilitate the business of the Board with the public, the municipalities, and the industries of Pennsylvania if they be informed of such policies, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the following basic policies be established by the Sanitary Water Board:

#### (1) PUBLIC SEWERS

Municipalities should have prepared, adopt and submit to the Board for approval, comprehensive sewerage plans and financial programs for the progressive construction of intercepting sewers and sewage treatment works, if the latter have been required.

#### (2) CLASSIFICATION OF STREAMS

The Board will diligently proceed so far as available funds will prudently permit, with the field surveys required to obtain the physical and scientific information needed by the Board to designate streams as Class A, B and C in accordance with the resolution of the Board adopted August 8, 1923.

#### (3) COOPERATION WITH INDUSTRY

The Board intends to carry out the letter and also the spirit of the 1924 agreement with the leather tanners of Pennsylvania and the 1926 agreement with the pulp and paper makers of Pennsylvania for investigation of industrial waste disposal problems.

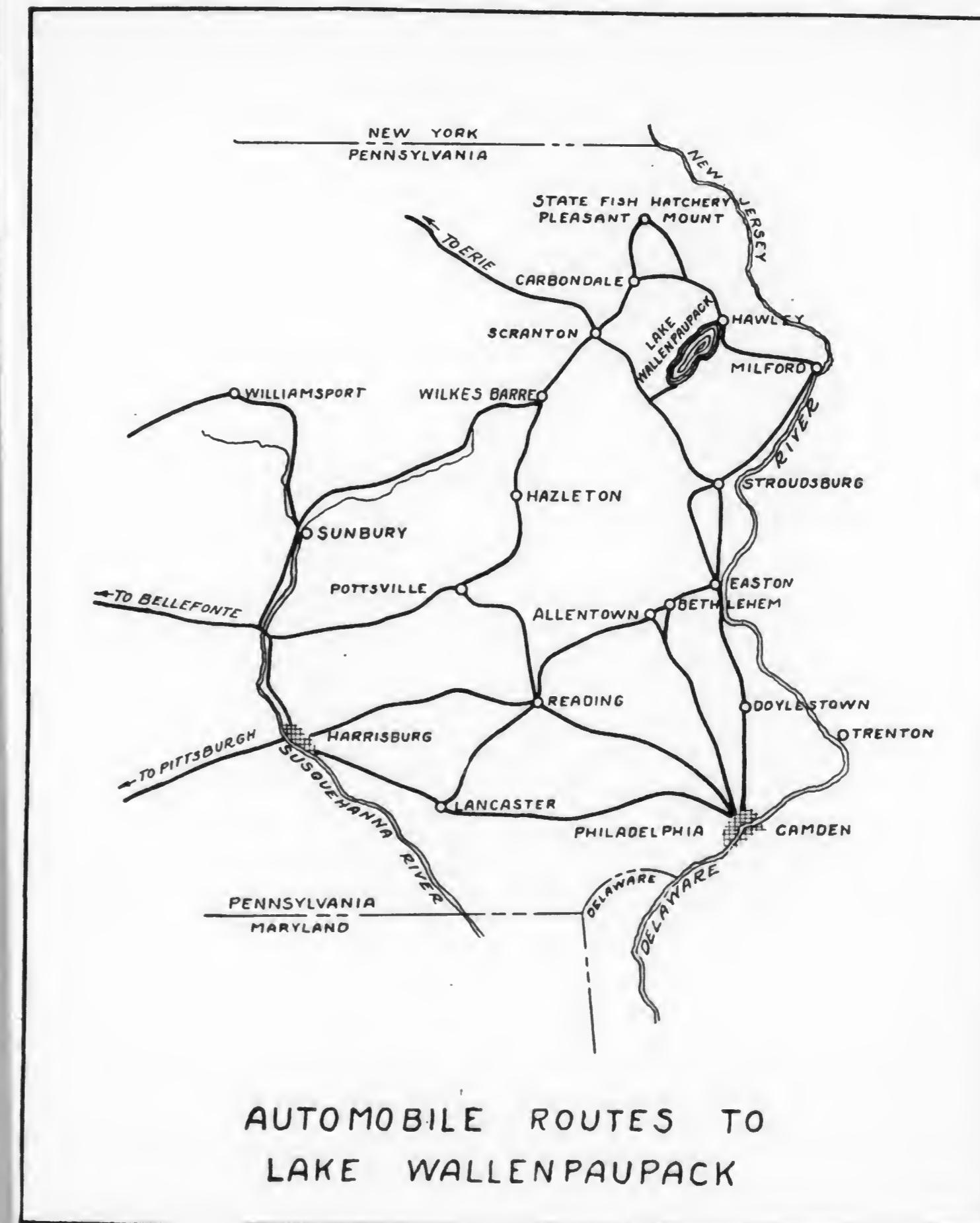
The Board invites like cooperation with all other industries who are confronted with the problem of treatment and disposal of industrial wastes to abate stream pollutions.

#### (4) LEGISLATION

The Board looks with favor upon constructive anti-stream pollution legislation, in accordance with the above principles and which will be helpful in carrying out a comprehensive plan for the sanitary conservation and prudent utilization of the water resources of Pennsylvania, including a recognition of the varying uses and conditions of streams and the well-being and prosperity of the municipalities, industries, and citizens of this State.

The Board will look with disfavor upon legislation destructive to cooperation between the Board and municipalities and industry because such cooperation is believed to be the most practicable solution of the problems of improving the waters of the State.

The interest and support of the citizens of Pennsylvania, of the officers of its municipalities, of the industries of the State, will be of great help to the Sanitary Water Board in carrying out its broad comprehensive plans for the sanitary conservation and prudent utilization of the water resources of the great State of Pennsylvania.



### CREATING NEW FISHING WATERS

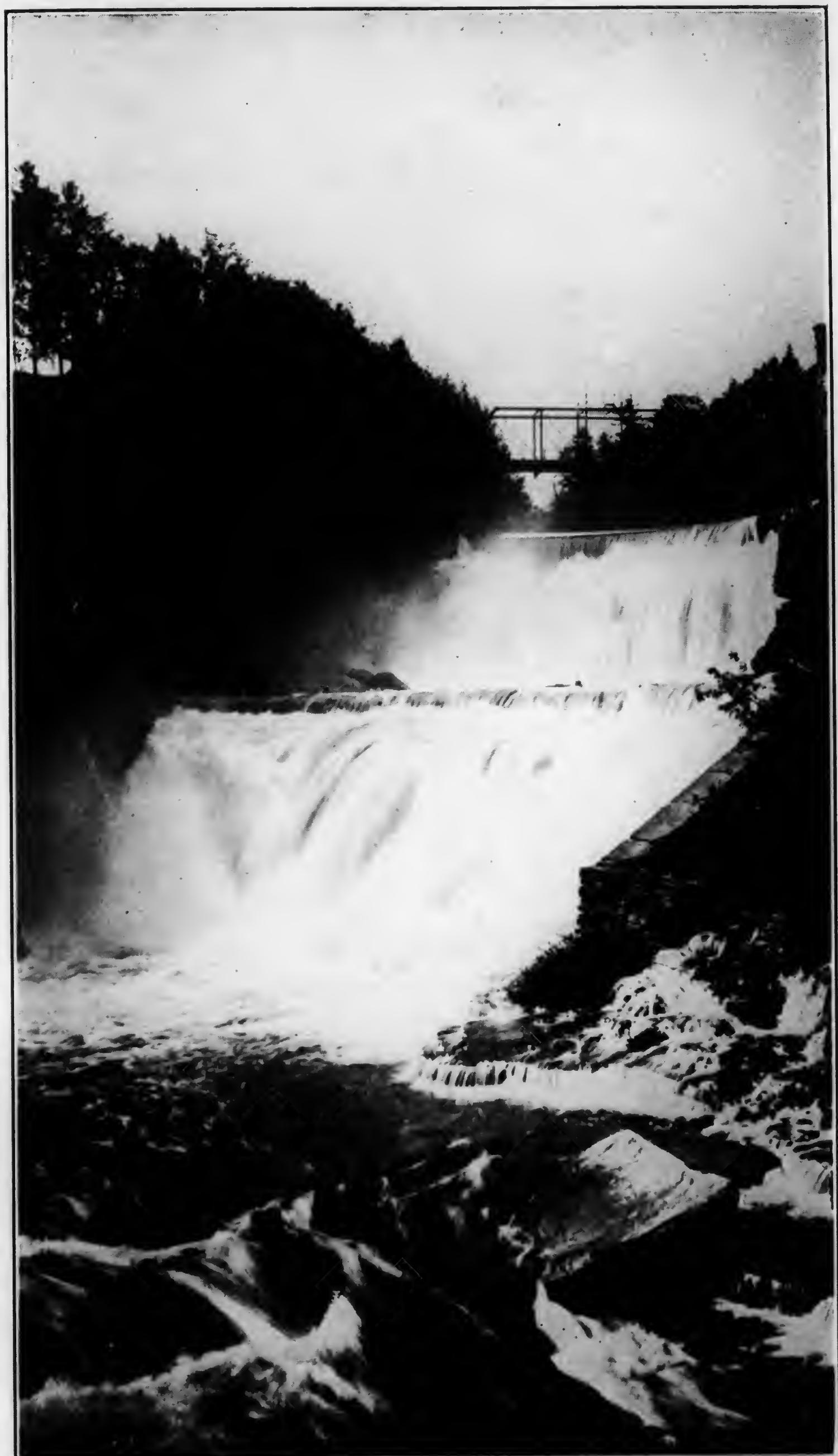
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Pennsylvania has thousands of miles of good fishing streams and numerous lakes and ponds which are open to public fishing. Unfortunately in certain sections there are waters which are not available for the reason that the land owner has posted his property prohibiting trespassing. Where lands are properly posted according to law there is nothing for the fisherman to do but to abide by the provisions of that law.

At one of the first meetings of the Board of Fish Commissioners a resolution was passed refusing to close any waters to the public except those within the wire enclosure of a Game Reserve, the waters within the confines of a cooperative nursery, or within the limits of a public park, borough or city for exhibition purposes. The streams are closed within the Game Reserves for the purpose of assisting the Game Commission in enforcing their laws so that fishermen will not trespass with the excuse of fishing. Those closed for cooperative nurseries is to assist the Associations throughout the Commonwealth operating nurseries in conjunction with the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

Prior to the enactment of the Administrative Code, which provides for a Water and Power Resources Board, it was the custom of corporations or individuals applying for permits for the erection of dams for manufacturing or ice harvesting purposes to either post these dams to trespassing and fishing or to issue permits charging a fixed fee per day for fishing.

Under the provisions of the Administrative Code, the Commissioner of Fisheries is made a member of the Water and Power Resources Board and at one of the first meetings attended, he presented a resolution providing that all permits granted in the future for dam construction and covering the impounding of waters for power and manufacturing purposes should contain, in addition to other conditions, the right to fish in such waters at all times during the open season in accordance with such rules and regulations as might be promulgated by the permittee from time to time with the approval of the Board of Fish Commissioners. Of course, this does not apply to dams constructed for domestic purposes.



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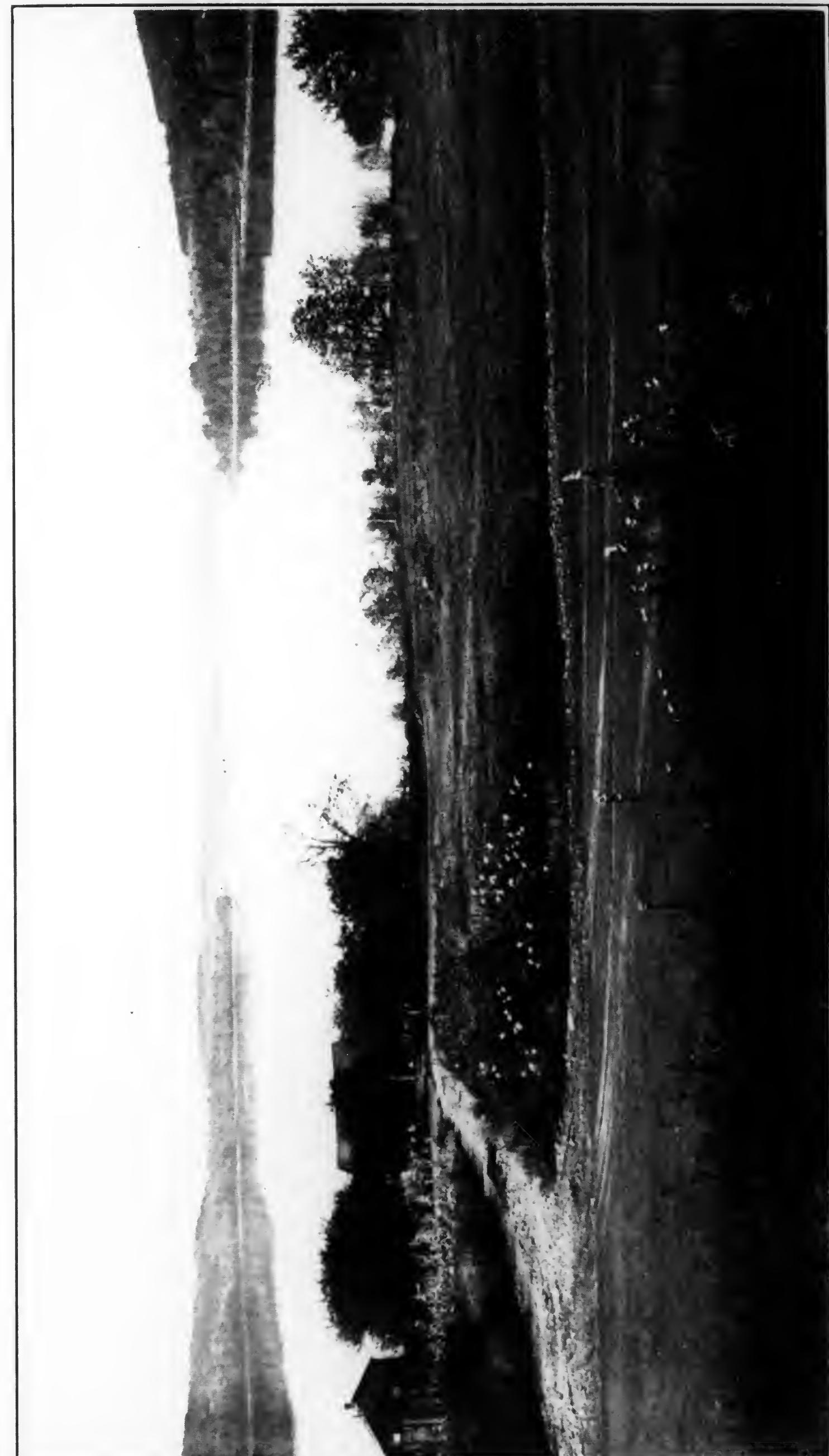
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by the Board of Fish Commissioners and the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company:

#### Provisions and Requirements

All persons availing themselves of the privilege of the use of Lake Wallenpaupack and the lands of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company and the Pennsylvania Realty and Investment Company, and all holders of permits issued by said companies for boating, camping, or other uses of said Lake and surrounding lands, are requested to comply with the following:—

1. Standing trees and shrubbery should not be broken, cut, shot at, barked or otherwise injured. Animals may not graze on the company's property.
2. Birds should not be molested or their nests destroyed or interfered with.
3. Fires may be built in holes or pits prepared for the purpose and encircled with the earth taken out, but great care must be taken in extinguishing them before they are abandoned. Fires should not be built upon "runways" and matches, cigars, cigarettes or pipe ashes ought to be carefully extinguished after use. Representatives of the company or the Department of Forests and Waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may call upon anyone to assist in extinguishing forest fires.
4. Signs, posters or advertisements which will disfigure the natural beauty of the company property should not be erected.
5. All springs and surface waters should be protected from contamination.
6. Any litter, waste or refuse which may accumulate should be removed and the property left in as clean condition after use as it was found when entered upon.
7. Persons using the Lake or company lands assume all risk of injury to a person or property and waive any and all claim or claims for damages on account of such injury to persons or property that could or might be made by reason of the exercise of the said right, liberty or privilege, and shall indemnify and save harmless the Pennsylvania Realty and Investment Company and or Pennsylvania Power and Light Company of and from any and all claim, loss, damage or injury growing out of such exercise.
8. Please report promptly to the Lake Superintendent or his agent any violation of law or of the terms and conditions of camping, boating and similar permits.

#### Fishing

Fishing in season will be permitted on the waters of Lake Wallenpaupack, except within 100 feet of or from the Wallenpaupack Dam and Tafton Dyke.

#### Boating

Effective August 1st, all permits issued by the Commissioner of Fisheries for the use of row boats, sail boats and canoes are terminated and it is necessary for the holders of all existing permits to reapply for new permits to be issued annually by the company.

These new permits will include the use of motor boats and will be issued under the following provisions:

1. Each permit will have a number assigned to it and this same number will designate the number of the boat on the company's records.

A plate with the corresponding number will be furnished to each holder of a permit and this plate is to be displayed at all times on the boat.

2. Boats of any kind will not be permitted within 100 feet of the Wallenpaupack Dam.

3. Permits for the use of boats may be revoked or cancelled for violation of the laws or of the provisions and requirements of the company, or whenever the company deems it advisable to do so.

#### Permits for Boats to be Hired

Permits for boats to be hired for use on Lake Wallenpaupack will be issued upon payment of the following fees:

Row boats and canoes, \$1.00 per annum per boat or canoe.

Motor boats, sail boats and ice boats (less than six passengers), \$5.00 per annum per boat.

Motor boats, (six passengers and above) Rates on application.

In all cases where boats are for hire, tariffs or schedules setting forth the rental and terms and conditions of such should be posted on the property in a conspicuous place where patrons may easily see them.

#### Boat Houses

The erection of boat houses will be permitted along the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack, provided they are constructed to conform to plans and specifications approved by the company and maintained under and subject to the following provisions and requirements:

1. Boat houses should be maintained in good condition and should bear the number of the permit issued therefor, in plainly legible numerals displayed thereon.

2. Permits for erection of Boat Houses will be issued upon payment of a fee of \$1.00 per annum per boat house.

3. The permit for a boat house may be revoked or cancelled for violation of law or of any of the provisions and requirements of the company or whenever the company deems it advisable to do so.

#### Docks

The erection of docks, which should be of the floating type, will be permitted along the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack, provided they are constructed to conform to plans and specifications prepared by the company, or when such plans are approved by the company. They shall be maintained under and subject to the following provisions and requirements:—

1. Docks should be securely fastened at all times.

2. On or before December 1st of each year, all docks, except those of a permanent nature constructed on stone or concrete piers, should be removed from the shore lines of Lake Wallenpaupack and stored above elevation 1195. Loose boards, steps, etc., on permanent docks should be removed on or before December 1st of each year and stored above elevation 1195.

3. Docks should be maintained in good and safe condition and should bear the number of the permit issued therefor in plainly legible numerals displayed thereon.

4. Permits for docks for use on Lake Wallenpaupack will be issued upon payment of a fee of \$1.00 per annum per dock.

5. Permits issued for docks may be revoked or cancelled for violation of law or of any of the provisions and requirements of the company or whenever the company deems it advisable to do so.

#### Temporary Camps

Camping on the lands of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company and the Pennsylvania Realty and Investment Company, other than lands under lease to tenants or other restricted areas, will be permitted provided application is first made in writing on a form provided for this purpose to the Lake Superintendent and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. A suitable trench or pit should be provided at least 2 feet in depth for the disposal of excreta, said pit to be located on level or gently sloping ground not closer than 100 feet from any spring or surface stream nor above the sources of the camp water supply. Earth from the pit shall be banked on the high side. Before camp is opened the permittee shall provide a quantity of hypochlorite of lime (chlorinated lime or "bleach") equivalent to at least one pound for each week the camp is to be occupied. Contents of the pit shall be thoroughly sprinkled with this chemical twice each week the camp is occupied using not less than one-half pound thereof at each application and immediately thereafter, it shall be covered with a thick sprinkling of clean earth.

When the deposits in such pit have accumulated to within six inches of the surface of the ground, its use should be discontinued and clean earth used to backfill the pit to the original surface of the ground and another pit shall be dug at once.

When the camp is vacated, all such pits should be backfilled with clean earth and any excess excavation neatly rounded over the top.

Garbage should be disposed of in a separate pit similar to that provided for excreta, but garbage shall not be placed in the same pit with the excreta.

Kitchen and wash water should not be thrown into any spring or surface water or upon the surface of the ground in the immediate neighborhood of a spring or surface water.

2. The camp site should be kept neat and clean at the time of leaving, so as to make it at least as clean as when entered upon. The permittee shall pay the bill of the company for restoring the site to proper condition if it is not so left.

3. No camp should be erected within  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a mile of another camp or until a written permit is received or until the site has been approved by a company officer or agent on the ground. Permanent structures may not be erected. The camp and all property shall be removed from the company's lands within three weeks, unless within that time an extension of the permit for a longer period is granted by the company in writing. A permit fee of \$1.00 for each person shall be enclosed with the application for a temporary site.

These provisions and requirements are issued at this time for the guidance of the companies' guests. The companies expect to revise them from time to time as experience may dictate in the operation of Lake Wallenpaupack.

The Lake Superintendent of the Company, whose office is at Wallenpaupack Dam, is in charge of all real estate, land, etc., of the company surrounding the Lake; also the operations on the Lake, applications for permits, as well

as complaints, etc., pertaining to these matters should be made to him either in person or by letter addressed to him at Hawley, Wayne County, Pa.

#### Pymatuning Reservoir

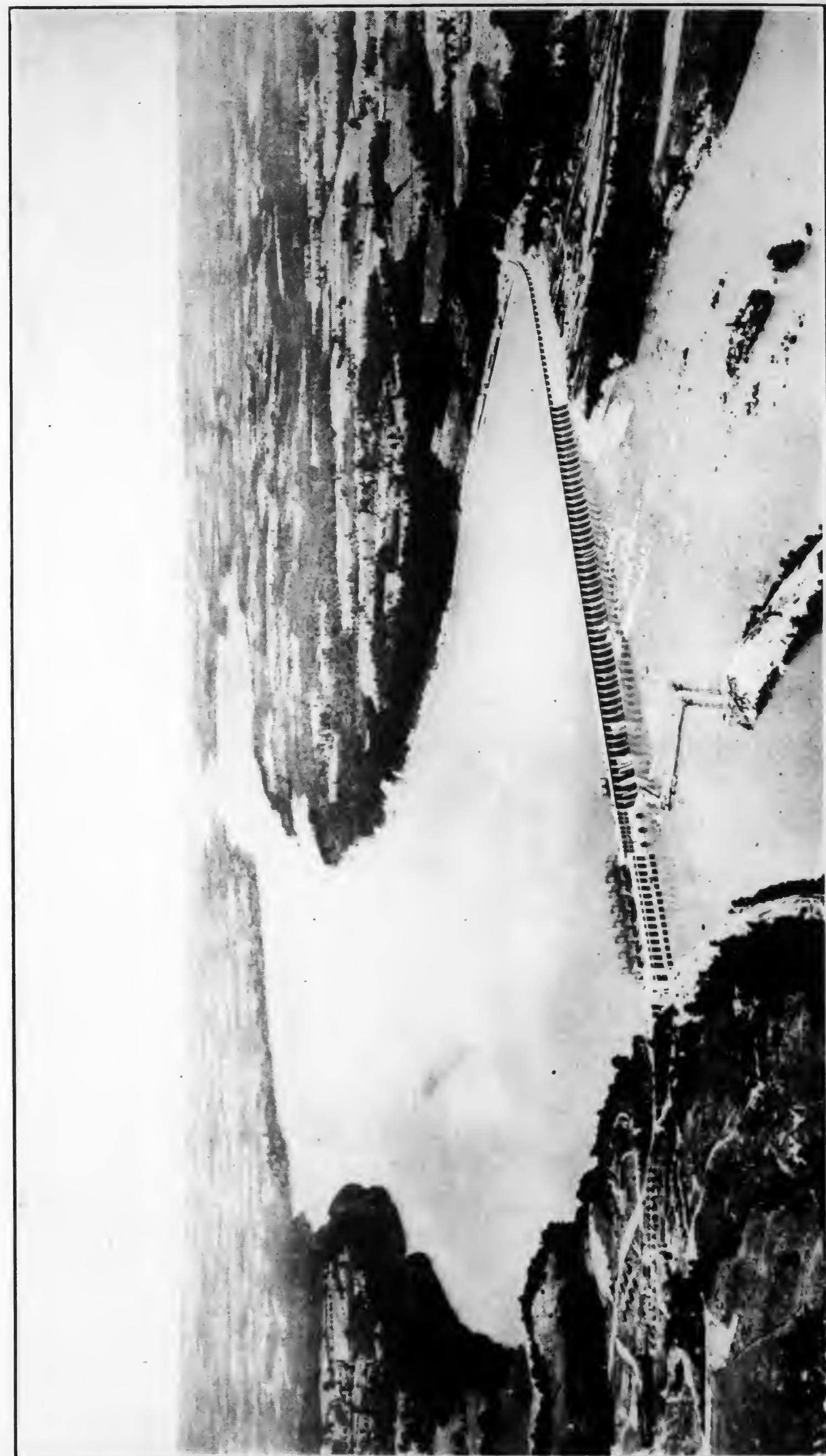
Another project is in the making which when completed will be several times the size of Lake Wallenpaupack and will benefit the fishermen throughout the entire Commonwealth. This project is what is known as "The Pymatuning Reservoir" in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and will be built primarily to provide sufficient water during dry seasons of the year for domestic and industrial use in the Shenango and Beaver Valleys, but on account of its extensive surface the reservoir will also be able to absorb floods and thus reduce flood damage. When full it will cover an area of 17,880 acres and will be nearly twenty times larger than Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania, and about one-third larger than Chautauqua Lake, New York. It will hold about 74,000,000,000 gallons with an irregular shore line of seventy miles. No doubt the same rules and regulations will be adopted covering this body of water, as that of Lake Wallenpaupack.

#### Conowingo Dam

The Conowingo Dam in the Susquehanna River has been completed during the last year. While it is not located in Pennsylvania, nevertheless, it has been of great benefit to Pennsylvania fishermen for the reason that its construction has created a lake approximately (12) miles long, five (5) miles of which is in Pennsylvania.

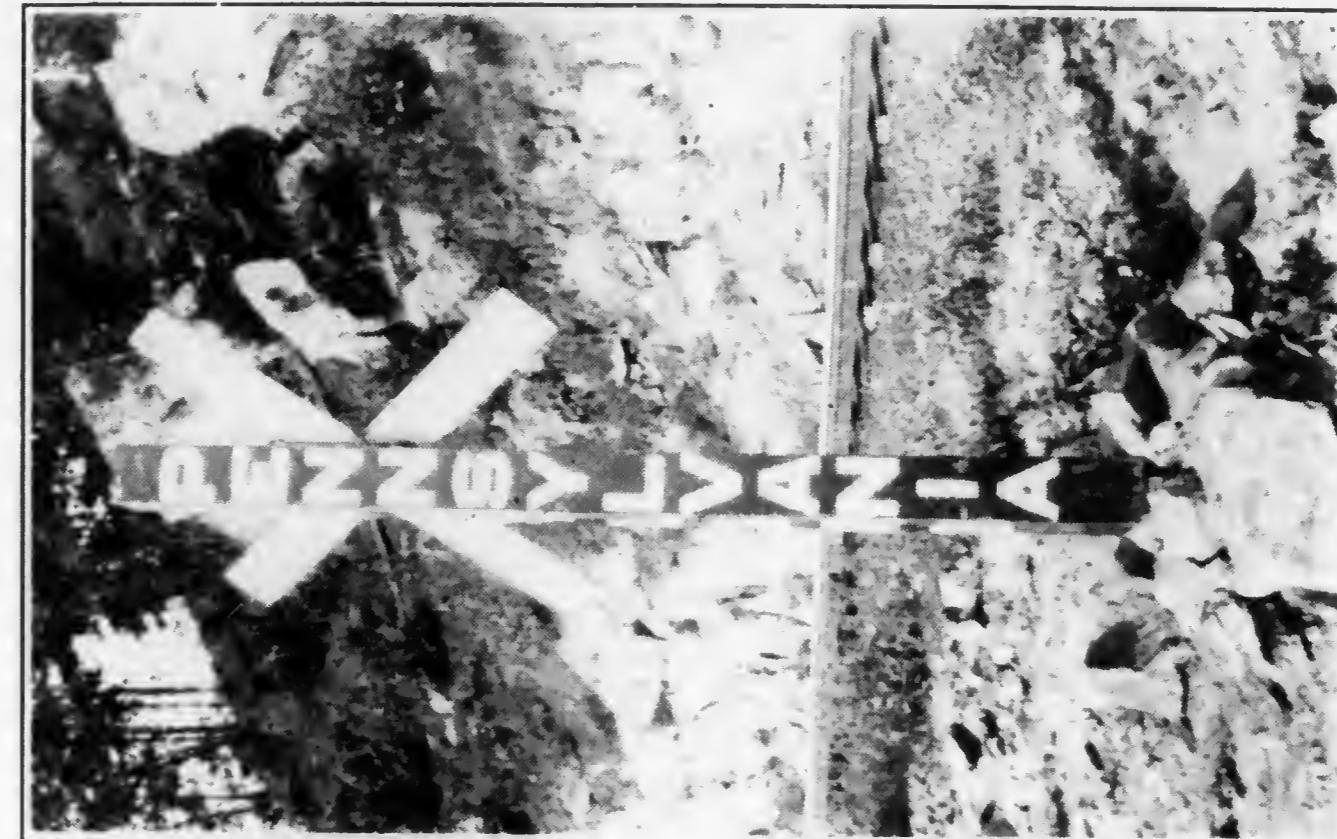
This lake practically reaches the tail race of the power dam at Holtwood, which is located in the Susquehanna River between Lancaster and York Counties. It is now open to public fishing and is being stocked by the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland. At the time of its construction the Commissioner of Fisheries of the state of Maryland requested the Commissioner of Fisheries of Pennsylvania to come to Baltimore for a conference, in reference to fishways. The dam is approximately 90 feet high and it was agreed by those who were competent to speak on the subject, including representatives of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, that it would be useless to attempt to construct a fishway as there is no known fishway in existence which is practicable for a dam of this character. Pennsylvania does not request the installation of fishways as there is no practicable fishway in existence which is applicable to Pennsylvania waters.

It was therefore agreed by the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland that in lieu of the construction of a fishway, the Power Company should contribute to each State the sum of four thousand dollars



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(\$4,000) payable every year, to be used for the purpose of stocking the lake which was formed by the construction of this dam.

During the last year Pennsylvania has furnished several million pike perch, sunfish, yellow perch and catfish; also several shipments of large sized bass.

As there might be some question as to the line between the two states, Pennsylvania requested the state of Maryland to have the line properly marked so that fishermen would have no difficulty in ascertaining in which part of the lake they were fishing. Of course, if the fisherman wishes to go into the State of Maryland he would have to take out a non-resident license. All that he would need on the Pennsylvania side is the Pennsylvania license.

#### **Holtwood Dam**

The Board also wishes to mention the Holtwood Dam built many years ago in the Susquehanna River at Holtwood. The lake which was formed by the construction of this dam extends to the vicinity of Safe Harbor, Lancaster County, covering approximately four square miles and is producing much fishing for the public.

#### **Additional Waters**

In addition to the foregoing there are forty dams of smaller area which in the near future will be available to the public, rules and regulations will be drawn up as soon as the dams are completed.

Due notice will be given the public. While the majority cover only a few acres, nevertheless, they will provide excellent fishing waters and will be stocked each year with the species of fish most suitable.

Many miles of excellent trout streams have also been made public at the request of the Board of Fish Commissioners, the purchasers having been those who were interested in the construction of large dams.

Fishermen should not forget the millions of acres of forest land which has been purchased by the Department of Forests and Waters. On these lands are many excellent fishing waters which are available for fishing. The public is always welcome in the State Forests and every accommodation possible has been created for their comfort. The Board deeply appreciates this close cooperation.

#### **Posted Areas**

As to waters in different sections of the Commonwealth which are posted and under private ownership, the courts have ruled that you cannot take a man's property away from him without due process of law. Unfortunately at the time the original grants were made by the Commonwealth, they included the land under the waters which



HOLTWOOD DAM

were situated thereon, except waters which were termed as navigable.

The Board of Fish Commissioners believes that many of these waters should be acquired by purchase or lease so that the public can have access to them for fishing purposes. Of course, this is a question which is entirely up to the fishermen. If it is to be done through purchase there is only one thing which the fisherman can do and that is to get back of a bill increasing the fisherman's license fee and have the increase in the license set apart in a fund wholly for the purchase of waters of this character. Another method would be by appropriation. The fishermen certainly would be taking a step in the right direction if they supported any measure of this kind, should it be introduced at the next session of the Legislature.

As long as the present Board of Fish Commissioners is in existence the fishermen can rest assured that it will bend every effort toward increasing public waters.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Board wishes to say that with the facilities at hand it is doing its best to stock all waters which are open to public fishing. Of course, it could distribute many times the number of fish which are available. The main problem in the restocking of any water is the regulation, conservation and maintenance, and the Board hopes that with the completion of the two new hatcheries which are at present under way, it will be possible to increase the number of fish in our waters so they will be commensurate with the demands which are being made upon them.

## WHERE TO GO FISHING

### PENNSYLVANIA WATERS WHICH ATTRACT FISHERMEN

During the fishing season the Board is besieged with requests from all sections of the Commonwealth for information relative to suitable fishing waters.

Believing that these requests should be met the Commissioner of Fisheries, through his long experience, prepared a list of the better known fishing waters in Pennsylvania, which fall into two groups:

1. Trout,
2. Bass, Pike, Pickerel and Muscallonge.

He has this to say as a foreword:

I have not attempted to list every stream, pond or lake in Pennsylvania, but have taken into consideration only those which are better known, and fished not only by Pennsylvanians but those from many States in the Union. The information is supplied primarily for those desiring to take a two or three day trip, and not be bothered by looking up streams or waters upon their arrival at the fishing grounds.

Naturally there are thousands of miles of good fishing water which cannot be listed as space would not permit, but the information supplied will assist the fishermen who have been planning a trip, not knowing where to go, or just how to get there.

I would suggest that sometime during the fishing season you take a trip really worth while by spending several days on some of the well known waters. I can assure you, you will find excellent highways wherever you choose to go, the scenery is unsurpassed, camping conditions are ideal, and the waters are those which for years have afforded the best fishing in the Commonwealth.

There are, I know, two classes of fishermen to satisfy, the bait fisherman, and the fly fisherman. The bait fisherman has as many thrills as the fly fisherman, and of course, gets much more fishing, as he has practically the entire season, while the fly fisherman seldom strikes good weather for trout before the 15th day of May. I feel certain that both the bait and fly fishermen will find sport a-plenty in the waters which I have listed.

I might say that you will find as good streams in one section of the Commonwealth as another. I do not think that the fishermen can make a mistake by going to any of the counties mentioned.

**TROUT**

I know of no more beautiful water than the Loyalsock Creek, Lycoming County, especially that portion from Bear Creek to the headwaters. This section is fished by thousands and the scenery on both sides cannot be equalled.

Where is the trout fisherman who hasn't fished Big Spring, Cumberland County, which flows through Newville. This has always been one of the most favored trout streams in Pennsylvania and articles recently have been written by many of the New York and Philadelphia papers recommending that trout fishermen go to this stream. It is ideal for fly fishing and can be reached via Pennsylvania Railroad at Newville. It takes a skillful fisherman to eat any number of trout in this stream. It has been heavily stocked and there are many trout to be caught, but it is a stream which is peculiar and furnishes abundant food. The fisherman must eat them when they are in the mood for striking the fly.

It is needless for me to say anything in reference to Centre County. Both fishermen and hunters know what excellent opportunities there are in this county for fish and game.

Tioga and Potter Counties have been a fisherman's paradise for many years. Fishermen will readily recognize many familiar streams in Carbon, Monroe, Northampton, Lehigh, Wayne, Pike, Clinton and other counties.

**BASS**

Bass fishing is to be found in more than half the counties of the State. In my opinion there are few bass waters in the United States which can equal the North Branch of the Susquehanna River from Falls, Wyoming County to the New York State Line. On this nine mile stretch is found some of the best bass fishing in the country.

Other famous bass fishing waters will be found in the Upper Delaware, French Creek, Crawford and Venango Counties; Brodhead, Warren County; Lake Gordon, on the line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, and Lake Erie.

Of course, fishermen should not forget Lake Wallenpaupack, which is the largest body of water within the confines of the Commonwealth.

If any fisherman desires specific information in certain localities where he might find accommodations, I would be very glad to send him to one of our Officers in that particular district who would be pleased to furnish you information available as to accommodations.

The following list gives the names of streams, species and nearest towns from which the fishing waters can be reached, is submitted for your choice:

**TROUT****Adams County**

Headwaters Conewago . . . . .	Reached from Arendtsville
Headwaters Marsh Creek . . . . .	Reached from Cashtown
Carbaugh Run . . . . .	Reached from Graeffenburg
Toms Creek . . . . .	Reached from Fairfield

**Bedford County**

Potter Creek . . . . .	Reached from Loysburg
Beaver Creek . . . . .	Reached from Loysburg
Yellow Creek . . . . .	Reached from Loysburg
Three Spring Run . . . . .	Reached from Loysburg
Keg Run . . . . .	Reached from Loysburg
Cove Creek . . . . .	Reached from Bedford

**Blair County**

Clover Creek . . . . .	Reached from Williamsburg
Piney Creek . . . . .	Reached from Williamsburg
Riggles Gap . . . . .	Reached from Bellwood
Sandy Run . . . . .	Reached from Bellwood
Shaw Run . . . . .	Reached from Bellwood
Bells Run . . . . .	Reached from Bellwood
Loop Run . . . . .	Reached from Bellwood
Tipton Run . . . . .	Reached from Bellwood
Vanseoyoe Run . . . . .	Reached from Tyrone
Bigfill Run . . . . .	Reached from Tyrone
Sink Run . . . . .	Reached from Tyrone

**Carbon County**

Quakake Creek . . . . .	Reached from Hudsonale or Gerhards
Hayes or Black Creek . . . . .	Reached from Lehigh Tannery or White Haven
Mud Run . . . . .	Reached from Albrightsville
Hickory Run . . . . .	Reached from Lehigh Tannery
Big Lehigh River . . . . .	Reached from White Haven
Mauch Chunk Creek . . . . .	Reached from Mauch Chunk
Big Bear Creek . . . . .	Reached from E. Mauch Chunk
Sawmill Creek . . . . .	Reached from Weissport
Wild Creek . . . . .	Reached from Weissport
Pine Creek . . . . .	Reached from Weissport
Pohopoco Creek . . . . .	Reached from Weissport
Big Creek . . . . .	Reached from Weissport
Stony Creek . . . . .	Reached from Christiansburg

Drakes Creek ..... Reached from Christmans  
 Aquashicola Creek ..... Reached from Palmerton  
 Princess ..... Reached from Palmerton  
 Fourth Run ..... Reached from White Haven  
 Middle Creek ..... Reached from Kresgeville  
 Penrose Creek ..... Reached from Beaver Meadows  
 Ross Common Creek ..... Reached from near Windgap

#### Bradford County

Millstone Creek ..... Reached from Towanda  
 Shrader Creek ..... Reached from Towanda

#### Centre, Clinton and Lycoming Counties

McElhattan ..... Reached from Lock Haven  
 Fishing Creek ..... Reached from Lock Haven  
 Lick Run ..... Reached from Lock Haven  
 or Farrandsville  
 Hyner Run ..... Reached from Lock Haven  
 or Hyner  
 Young Woman's Creek ... Reached from Lock Haven or North Branch  
 Kettle Creek ..... Reached from Westport  
 Baker Run ..... Reached from Lock Haven  
 Mill Run ..... Reached from Lock Haven  
 Pine Creek ..... Reached from Jersey Shore  
 Little Pine Creek ..... Reached from Waterville  
 Big Run ..... Reached from Lock Haven or Monongahela  
 Spring Creek ..... Reached from Bellefonte  
 Lycoming Creek ..... Reached from Williamsport  
 Loyalsock Creek ..... Reached from Montoursville  
 Penns Creek ..... Reached from Lemont or Coburn  
 Six Mile Run ..... Reached from Philipsburg  
 Black Moshannon ..... Reached from Philipsburg  
 Lt. Fishing Creek ..... Reached from Pleasant Gap

#### Chester and Montgomery Counties

Valley Creek ..... Reached from Paoli  
 Pigeon Creek ..... Reached from So. Pottstown  
 Rock Run ..... Reached from So. Pottstown  
 Birch Run ..... Reached from Coatesville  
 Two Log Run ..... Reached from Coatesville  
 Logan Run ..... Reached from Unionville  
 Hood Run ..... Reached from Chatham  
 White Clay ..... Reached from Chatham

#### Cumberland County

Green Spring ..... Reached from Newville  
 Big Spring ..... Reached from Newville  
 Headwaters Yellow Breeches Reached from Huntsdale  
 Letort Spring ..... Reached from Carlisle  
 Trindle Spring ..... Reached from Hogestown  
 Boiling Spring ..... Reached from Boiling Springs  
 Mountain Creek ..... Reached from Mt. Holly Springs  
 Cedar Run ..... Reached from Frogtown  
 Cockleys Run ..... Reached from Rose Garden

#### Dauphin and Lebanon Counties

Hammer Creek ..... Reached from Lebanon to Ephrata by  
 auto  
 Manada Creek ..... Reached from Harrisburg to Manada Gap  
 by auto  
 Indiantown Creek ..... Reached from Harrisburg to Jonestown  
 by auto  
 Spring Creek ..... Reached from Hershey  
 Millback Creek ..... Reached from Sheridan  
 Stoney Creek ..... Reached from Dauphin  
 Clarks Creek ..... Reached from Dauphin

#### Fayette County

Beaver Run ..... Reached from Confluence  
 Little Sandy ..... Reached from Confluence  
 Big Sandy ..... Reached from Confluence

#### Forest County

Lt. & Big Hickory Creek ... Reached from East Hickory  
 Bear Creek ..... Reached from Marienville  
 Pen Run ..... Reached from Marienville  
 Lt. & Big Coon Creek ..... Reached from Colinza  
 Lt. & Big Salmon Creek .... Reached from Kellettvile

#### Franklin County

Dickey's Run ..... Reached from Mereersburg  
 Falling Spring ..... Reached from Chambersburg  
 Conocoheague Creek ..... Reached from Greencastle  
 Trout Run ..... Reached from Roxbury  
 Little Antietam ..... Reached from Waynesboro  
 Red Run ..... Reached from Waynesboro  
 Rocky Mountain Creek .... Reached from Caledonia Park

**Huntingdon County**

Warriors Run .....	Reached from Warriors Mark
Spruce Creek .....	Reached from Spruce Creek
Big Laurel Run .....	Reached from McAlevy's Fort
Detwiler Run .....	Reached from McAlevy's Fort
Little Laurel Run .....	Reached from McAlevy's Fort
Croyel Run .....	Reached from McAlevy's Fort
Headwaters Stone Creek .....	Reached from McAlevy's Fort
Headwaters Shaver Creek .....	Reached from McAlevy's Fort
Garner's Run .....	Reached from Neff's Mills
Globe Run .....	Reached from Neff's Mills
E. Br. Stone Creek .....	Reached from Huntingdon

**Lackawanna County**

Roaring Brook .....	Reached from Moscow
Lehigh .....	Reached from Gouldsboro
Spring Brook .....	Reached from Spring Brook corners, about 4 or 5 miles from Moscow Station.

**Lehigh County**

Little Lehigh Creek .....	Reached from Allentown
Trout Creek .....	Reached from Allentown
Cedar Creek .....	Reached from Allentown
Jordan Creek .....	Reached from Helfrichs Spring
Saucon Creek .....	Reached from Lanark
Spring Creek .....	Reached from Trexlertown

**McKean County****East & West Branch**

Tuneungwant Creek .....	Reached from Bradford
Sugar Run .....	Reached from Bradford
Willow Creek .....	Reached from Bradford
Chappel Fork .....	Reached from Bradford
Skinner Creek .....	Reached from Pt. Allegheny
Comes Creek .....	Reached from Pt. Allegheny
Marvin Creek .....	Reached from Smethport
Potato Creek .....	Reached from Smethport
Scaffold Lick .....	Reached from Liberty
Annin Creek .....	Reached from Turtle Point
West Clarion Creek .....	Reached from Mt. Jewett
Seven Mile Run .....	Reached from Clarmont
Five Mile Run .....	Reached from Clarmont
Salt Works Brook .....	Reached from Gardeau
Parker Run .....	Reached from Gardeau

**Mifflin County**

Granville Run .....	Reached from Lewistown
Singles Run .....	Reached from Lewistown
Stone Creek .....	Reached from Lewistown

**Monroe County**

Tobyhanna Creek .....	Reached from Tobyhanna
Broadheads Creek .....	Reached from Analomink
Tunkhannock Creek .....	Reached from Nicholson
Big Bushkill Creek .....	Reached from Pecks Pond
Leavitt's Branch .....	Reached from Canadensis
Buckhill Creek .....	Reached from Canadensis
Spruce Cabin Creek .....	Reached from Canadensis
Goose Pond Run .....	Reached from Canadensis
Stony Run .....	Reached from Canadensis
Paradise Creek .....	Reached from Henryville
Broadheads Creek .....	Reached from Stroudsburg
Shawnee Creek .....	Reached from Delaware Water Gap
Cherry Creek .....	Reached from Saylorburg
Pocono Creek .....	Reached from Tannersville
Scott Run .....	Reached from Scott Run
Swift Water Creek .....	Reached from Swift Water
Little Tunkhannock .....	Reached from Naomi Pines
Big Tunkhannock .....	Reached from Long Pond
Tobyhanna .....	Reached from Tobyhanna
Michaels Creek .....	Reached from Broadheads
Pensyl Creek .....	Reached from Appencelle

**Northampton County**

Big Bushkill Creek .....	Reached from Easton
Greenawalts Creek .....	Reached from Ackermansville
Saucon Creek .....	Reached from Hellertown
Monocacy Creek .....	Reached from Bethlehem
Hockendauqua .....	Reached from Point Phillips
Catasauqua .....	Reached from Catasauqua

**Pike County**

Raymondskill .....	Five miles from Milford
Dwarfkill .....	Garvill Bridge on Dark Swamp Road
Vandermark .....	Reached from Milford
Deep Brook .....	Reached from Milford
San Vantinbrook .....	Five miles from Milford by Car to Boslers Pond

Dingmans Brook .....	Reached from Dingmans Ferry
Mill Rift Brook .....	Reached from Mill Rift
Cummins Brook .....	Three miles east of Milford
Shohola Brook .....	Shohola Falls, north west of Milford
Taylor Brook .....	Reached from Greeley
Bushkill .....	Reached from Bushkill

#### Potter and Tioga Counties

Pine Creek .....	Reached from Ansonia
W. Br. Pine Creek .....	Reached from Galeton
Little Kettle Creek .....	Reached from Galeton
Lyman Run .....	Reached from Galeton
Genessee Fork .....	Reached from Galeton
Nine Mile Run .....	Reached from Galeton
E. Fork Sinnemahoning .....	Reached from Wharton & Hull
First Fork Sinnemahoning .....	Reached from Costello
South Fork Sinnemahoning .....	Reached from Costello
Mill Creek .....	Reached from Coudersport
Allegheny River .....	Reached from Coudersport
Oswage Creek .....	Reached from Shinglehouse
Honeoye Creek .....	Reached from Shinglehouse
Slate Run .....	Reached from Slate Run
Cedar Run .....	Reached from Cedar Run
Kettle Run .....	Can be reached by road only Stopping place Oleona.

#### Schuylkill County

Negro Hollow Run .....	Brandonville
Girard Manor Dam .....	Brandonville
Lofty .....	Brandonville
Davis Run .....	Brandonville
Sandy Run .....	Brandonville
Brandonville Dam .....	Brandonville
Stoney Creek .....	Reached from Ferndale Station
Girard Dams Nos. 5 & 6 .....	Reached from Ringtown
Owl Creek .....	Reached from Tamaqua

#### Sullivan County

Little Loyalsock .....	Reached from Dushore
Lick Creek .....	Reached from Dushore
Elk Creek .....	Reached from Dushore
Glass Creek .....	Reached from Dushore
Shoenerberg Creek .....	Reached from Dushore

#### Susquehanna County

Headwaters Tunkhannock Cr Reached from Nicholson

#### Venango County

Hemlock Creek .....	Reached from President
Porkey Run .....	Reached from President
Pithole Creek .....	Reached from Eagle Rock
Tarkhill Creek .....	Reached from Van
Stewart Run .....	Reached from Baum
Cherry Run .....	Reached from Plumer
North Sandy .....	Reached from Polk
South Sandy .....	Reached from Polk
Upper Two Mile .....	Reached from Reno
Lower Two Mile .....	Reached from Venango
Patchel Run .....	Reached from Franklin
Dennison Run .....	Reached from Pearl P. O.

#### Warren County

Headwaters Tioga Creek .....	Reached from Clarington
Wildeat Creek .....	Reached from Clarington
Farnsworth Creek .....	Reached from Clarington
Four Mile Run .....	Reached from Clarington
Six Mile Run .....	Reached from Clarington
Upper & Lower Sheriff .....	Reached from Clarington
Browns Run .....	Reached from Clarington

#### Wayne County

Middle Creek .....	Reached from Gravity
Wagner Creek .....	Reached from Gravity
Gumis Creek .....	Reached from Gravity
Wild Brook .....	Reached from Gravity
Five Mile Creek .....	Reached from Lake Ariel
Peet Creek .....	Reached from Lake Ariel
Winding Hill Creek .....	Reached from Lake Ariel
Moss Hollow Creek .....	Reached from Salem or Hamlin
W. Br. Paupack .....	Reached from Salem or Hamlin
James Creek .....	Reached from Salem or Hamlin
Butternut Creek .....	Reached from Salem or Hamlin
E. Br. Paupack .....	Reached from Newfoundland
S. Br. Paupack .....	Reached from Newfoundland
Angles or Mill Creek .....	Reached from Newfoundland
Lehigh Creek .....	Reached from Gouldsboro
Lackawaxen Creek .....	Reached from Aldenville

Johnson's Creek .....	Reached from Pleasant Mount
W. Br. Mast Hope .....	Reached from Beachlake
N. Br. Calkins .....	Reached from Milanville
S. Br. Calkins .....	Reached from Milanville
Colley Creek .....	Reached from Lookout
Little Equinunk .....	Reached from Lookout
Starrueca Creek .....	Reached from Starrueca
Little Starrueca Creek .....	Reached from Starrueca
Big Equinunk .....	Reached from Equinunk
E. Br. Equinunk .....	Reached from Equinunk
W. Br. Equinunk .....	Reached from Equinunk

**Westmoreland County**

Indian Creek .....	Reached from Indian Creek Station
White Oak Run .....	Reached from Ligonier
Laurel Run .....	Reached from Ligonier
McGinness Run .....	Reached from Ligonier
Laurelhanna .....	Reached from Ligonier

**Wyoming County**

Mehoopany Creek & Six of Its Branches .....	Reached from Mehoopany
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**BASS AND OTHER SPECIES****Adams County**

Bermudian Creek .....	Bass .....	York Springs
Conewago Creek .....	Bass .....	New Oxford
Marsh Creek .....	Bass .....	Gettysburg
Rock Creek .....	Bass .....	Gettysburg

**Beaver County**

Little Beaver Creek .....	Bass .....	Darlington
Connoquenessing .....	Bass .....	Ellwood City
Brush Creek .....	Bass .....	Rochester

**Bedford County**

Raystown Branch .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike	Bedford
Lake Gordon .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike	Bedford
Dunnings Creek .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike	Bedford
Brush Creek .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike	Everett

**Blair County**

Juniata River .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike	Williamsburg
Bald Eagle Creek .....	Pike-Perch	Bald Eagle Station

**Bradford County**

Cooks Pond .....	Pickerel .....	Towanda
Lake Wesauking .....	Pickerel-Bass	Towanda
Tunkhannock Creek .....	Bass .....	Tunkhannock
Sugar Creek .....	Bass .....	Towanda
Towanda Creek .....	Bass .....	Towanda
Wyalusing Creek .....	Bass .....	Wyalusing
Susquehanna River .....	Bass .....	Sayre

**Bucks County**

N. E. Perkiomen .....	Bass .....	Sellersville
Neshaminy .....	Bass .....	New Britian
Tohickon .....	Pickerel .....	Kellorsville

**Carbon County**

Nesquehoning Creek .....	Bass .....	Hauto
Hauto Dam .....	Bass .....	Hauto

**Centre County**

Bald Eagle Creek .....	Bass-Pike	Port Matilda
Bald Eagle Creek .....	Pickerel .....	Bellefonte

**Cambria County**

Wilmore Dam .....	Bass-Pike	Wilmore Dam
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**Chester County**

Buck & Doe Run .....	Bass .....	Coatesville
West Brandywine .....	Bass .....	Coatesville
East Brandywine .....	Bass .....	Downingtown
Marsh Creek .....	Bass .....	Downingtown
Octorora Creek .....	Bass .....	Oxford
Pickering Creek .....	Bass .....	Oxford
French Creek .....	Bass .....	Aldham Station
Koaline Quarry Holes .....	Bass .....	Brandywine Summit
Avondale Quarry Holes .....	Bass .....	Avondale
Ht. Valley Creek .....	Bass .....	Alton Station

**Clinton County**

Kettle Creek .....	Bass .....	Westport
Bald Eagle Creek .....	Bass-Pickerel	Lock Haven

**Crawford County**

French Creek .....	Bass .....	Cambridge
Spartansburg Lake .....	Bass .....	Spartansburg
Canaodohta Lake .....	Bass .....	Titusville
Conneaut Lake .....	Bass .....	Conneaut Lake
Conneaut Lake .....	Muscallonge .....	Conneaut Lake
French Creek .....	Muscallonge .....	Meadville

**Cumberland County**

Conodoguinet Creek .....	Bass .....	Carlisle
Conodoguinet Creek .....	Pickerel .....	Shippensburg
Mountain Creek .....	Pickerel .....	Pine Grove
Yellow Breeches Creek .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Carlisle

**Dauphin County**

Swatara Creek .....	Bass .....	Hummelstown
Susquehanna River .....	Bass .....	Harrisburg
Wildwood Lake .....	Bass .....	Harrisburg
Clarks Creek .....	Bass .....	Dauphin

**Delaware County**

Koaline Quarry Holes .....	Bass .....	Phoenixville
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**Erie County**

French Creek .....	Bass-Muscallonge .....	Mill Village
Conneaut Creek .....	Bass-Muscallonge .....	Albion
Elk Creek .....	Bass .....	North Girard

**Franklin County**

E. Br. Conocoheague .....	Bass .....	Greencastle
W. Br. Conocoheague .....	Bass .....	Mercersburg
Conodoguinet Creek .....	Bass .....	Newville
Conodoguinet Creek .....	Pickerel .....	Shippensburg

**Greene County**

Wheelong Creek .....	Bass .....	Waynesburg
Ten Mile Creek .....	Bass .....	Mather
Dunkard Creek .....	Bass .....	Poland
Youghogheny River .....	Bass .....	Somerfield

**Huntingdon County**

Raystown Branch .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike .....	Huntingdon
Stone Creek .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike .....	Huntingdon
Juniata River .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike .....	Newton Hamilton
Aughwick Creek .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike .....	Mount Union
Tuscarora Creek .....	Bass-Salmon-Pike .....	Blairs Mills
Juniata River .....	Bass .....	Petersburg

**Forest County**

Tionesta Eddy .....	Bass-Muscallonge .....	Tionesta
Dawson Eddy .....	Bass-Muscallonge .....	Tionesta

**Juniata County**

Tuscarora Creek .....	Bass-Pike .....	Port Royal
Juniata River .....	Bass .....	

**Lackawanna County**

Bailors Lake .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Dalton
Johnson Pond .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Gouldsboro
Snag Pond .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Gouldsboro
Lake Sheridan .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Factoryville
Lake Winola .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Factoryville
Susquehanna River .....	Bass .....	Ranson
Fords Pond .....	Bass .....	Clarks Summit
Gravel Pond .....	Bass .....	Clarks Summit

**Lancaster County**

Susquehanna River .....	Bass .....	Columbia
Lt. Conewago Creek .....	Bass .....	Elizabethtown

**Lawrence County**

Lt. Beaver Creek .....	Bass .....	Darlington
Connoquenessing .....	Bass .....	Ellwood City
Slippery Rock Creek .....	Bass-Muscallonge .....	

**Lebanon County**

Little Swatara .....	Bass-Pike .....	Jonestown
Stracks Dam .....	Bass-Pike .....	Myerstown
Stovers Dam .....	Bass-Pike .....	Lebanon
Waterhouse Dam .....	Sunfish-Catfish .....	Annville

**Lycoming County**

Little Pine Creek .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Waterville
Pine Creek .....	Bass-Pickerel .....	Ansonia

<b>McKean County</b>		
Allegheny River	Bass	Eldred
Oswayo Creek	Bass	Ceres, N. Y.
Kinzua Creek	Bass	Kinzua
<b>Mifflin County</b>		
Juniata River	Bass-Salmon-Pike	Newton Hamilton
<b>Montgomery County</b>		
N. E. Perkiomen	Bass	Morwood
East Swamp	Bass	Sumneytown
Deep Creek	Bass	Green Lane
Ridge Valley	Pickerel	Spring Mount
Perkiomen	Bass-Pickerel	Spring Mount
<b>Monroe County</b>		
No. Jersey Pond	Pickerel	Gouldsboro
<b>Perry County</b>		
Shermans Creek	Bass	Duncannon
Juniata River	Bass	
<b>Pike County</b>		
Sawkill Pond	Pickerel	Milford
Walker Lake	Pickerel	Milford
Westcalong	Pickerel	Westcalong
White Deer Lake	Pickerel	Hawley
Promise Land Pond	Pickerel	Hawley
Peeks Pond	Pickerel	Hawley
Billings Pond	Pickerel	Lords Valley
Big Mud Pond	Pickerel	Bushkill
Little Mud Pond	Pickerel	Dingmans Ferry
Lt. Tinkwig Pond	Pickerel	Hawley
Routs Pond	Pickerel	Hawley
Shohola Dam	Pickerel	Shohola
Delaware River	Pike-Bass	Bushkill
Lake Tammant	Pickerel-Bass	Bushkill
Little Twin Lakes	Pickerel-Bass	Milford
Big Twin Lakes	Pickerel-Bass	Milford
Fairview Twin Lakes	Pickerel-Bass	Hawley
Ecks Pond	Pickerel-Bass	Hawley
<b>Potter County</b>		
Kettle Creek	Bass	Cross Fork

<b>Schuylkill County</b>		
Tumbling Run Dam	Bass	Pottsville
Greenwood Dam	Bass	Hauto
Hauto Dam	Bass	Hauto
Lakeside Dam	Bass	E. Mahanoy Jet
Koenigs Creek	Bass	New Ringgold
Indian Run	Bass	New Ringgold
Lake Hall	Bass	Pine Grove
<b>Snyder County</b>		
Middle Creek	Bass	Selinsgrove
Penns Creek	Bass	Lewisburg
<b>Susquehanna County</b>		
Keeney Pond	Pickerel	Laceyville
<b>Tioga County</b>		
Marsh Creek	Pickerel-Bass	Ansonia
Pine Creek	Pickerel-Bass	Ansonia
<b>Union County</b>		
Penns Creek	Bass	Lewisburg
<b>Venango County</b>		
Allegheny River	Bass-Muscallonge	Oil City
Pump House Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	Oil City
Oliopolis Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	Oil City
Rockmere Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	Rockmere
Walnut Bend Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	Walnut Bend
Henrys Bend Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	Henrys Bend
Eaglerock Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	President
President Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	President
Baum Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	President
French Creek Eddy	Bass-Muscallonge	Franklin
Brandons Ferry	Bass-Muscallonge	Brandons Ferry
<b>Warren County</b>		
Little Brokenstraw	Bass	Pittsfield
Big Brokenstraw	Bass	Pittsfield
<b>Washington County</b>		
Buffalo Creek	Bass	Claysville

**Wayne County**

Lake Ariel .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Lake Ariel
Louglin Pond .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Lake Ariel
Keen Pond .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Waymart
Beech Lake .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Honesdale
Poynelle Lake .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Poynelle
Little Hickory .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Poynelle
Big Hickory .....	Bass	Pickerel .....	Poynelle
Spruce Lake .....		Pickerel .....	Honesdale
Little Beech .....		Pickerel .....	Honesdale
Perkins Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Honesdale
Bunnell Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Honesdale
Mud Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Waymart
Long Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Waymart
White Oak .....		Pickerel .....	Waymart
Elk Lake .....		Pickerel .....	Waymart
Lake Ladore .....		Pickerel .....	Lake Ladore
Curtis Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Lake Ladore
Hartford Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Lake Ariel
Long Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Lake Ariel
Millers Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Lake Ariel
Kizer Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Maplewood
Brunson Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Lake Ariel
Hartford Pond .....		Pickerel .....	Maplewood
Lake Henry .....		Pickerel .....	Maplewood

**Wyoming County**

Tunkhannock Creek .....	Bass .....	Tunkhannock
Susquehanna River .....	Bass .....	Falls
Chamberlin Pond .....	Pickerel .....	Mehoopany
Jennings Pond .....	Pickerel .....	Mehoopany
Nigger Pond .....	Pickerel .....	Mehoopany

**York County**

Big Conewago .....	Bass .....	York Haven
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**DETAILED REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD****ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION**

An Administrative Organization Chart as of July 1, 1927 will be found on next page. No major changes have been made in personnel. The two sites purchased for new hatcheries are at present being developed.

**STATISTICS**

In the back of this report will be found statistical data covering the distribution of fish, number of arrests made by the protection service, catch of fish on Lake Erie, sale of fish and eggs by Commercial Hatcheries, number of licenses issued by counties, etc.

**PROPAGATION**

The chart showing the Administrative Organization of the Board gives in detail the species of fish propagated and the location of the various hatcheries.

The two sites purchased at Reynoldsdale and Tionesta have been partially developed and the next biennium should see the original layout completed. The addition of these two new hatcheries will greatly increase the output of the Board. The improvements at the several hatcheries which have been under way during the last biennium were practically completed. These improvements have made it possible to hold practically all species of fish until they are of a size where they will be able to care for themselves. Attention is called to the size and age of the fish now propagated as shown in the distribution statements on Pages 97 to 102.

During the next biennium one of the serious difficulties in the propagation of fish will be that of the greatly increased cost of food, particularly the scarcity of trout food which is principally liver.

Recent medical discoveries are responsible for this condition—doctors are now prescribing liver in the treatment of various diseases, particularly in the treatment of pernicious anaemia.

This condition has forced the Board of Fish Commissioners for the year 1928 to increase its budget for fish food more than 150 per cent, which means that in 1928 it will spend \$18,000 for fish food where previously \$7,000 was sufficient.

No doubt those who have despised the liver fed trout (before it became acclimated to the stream and fed only on natural food) will

now be highly elated to catch fish which must be fed such select food.

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The hope of the Board of Fish Commissioners is that the supply does not become exhausted. Contracts for most of the hatcheries have been completed for the year 1928 and it was found to be rather difficult to receive bids for a full year from most of the large packing houses as they desire to contract for periods of three months owing to the enormous demand.

The major hatchery is located at Pleasant Mount. For the information of the fishermen we are submitting in detail the report of the Superintendent:

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Dear Sir:

The following is a report of the activities carried on at this Hatchery from June 1, 1927 to May 31, 1928:

*Fish Propagation*—In laying out the fish cultural work for the year, as with the previous year, we inaugurated a program whereby no ponds were laying idle for any length of time, thus, greatly increasing the production per unit area. The method of procedure in utilizing certain water areas for the rearing of from one to three crops of fish per year, is fully covered on page fourteen of the Board's Biennial Report for the period ending May 31, 1927.

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Fourteen different species of fish were handled throughout the year for distribution purposes. I will briefly cover the work with each species, separately.

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*Rainbow Trout*—In January we received in exchange for brook trout eggs, a consignment of eyed rainbow trout eggs from the Federal Bureau of Fisheries. Owing to the lack of holding space in the building, these eggs were later transferred to the Bellefonte Hatchery.

*Lake Trout*—During March the Federal Bureau of Fisheries in exchange for other eggs, shipped to us from Duluth, Minnesota, a consignment of eyed lake trout eggs. The eggs were hatched and the fish retained until the age of five months, then transferred to the Bellefonte Hatchery.

*Cisco*—During the month of February we received from the Erie Hatchery 2,000,000 eyed cisco eggs, which hatched during the month of March and were liberated in nearby waters.

*Pike Perch*—The quality of the pike perch eggs received this season, through the cooperative work with the Federal Bureau of Fisheries, was exceptionally fine. The Board's entire crop was carried through on the battery at this hatchery, until they had reached the eyed stage. They were then equally divided among the hatcheries having facilities for the holding of this type of eggs. The eggs that we retained at this



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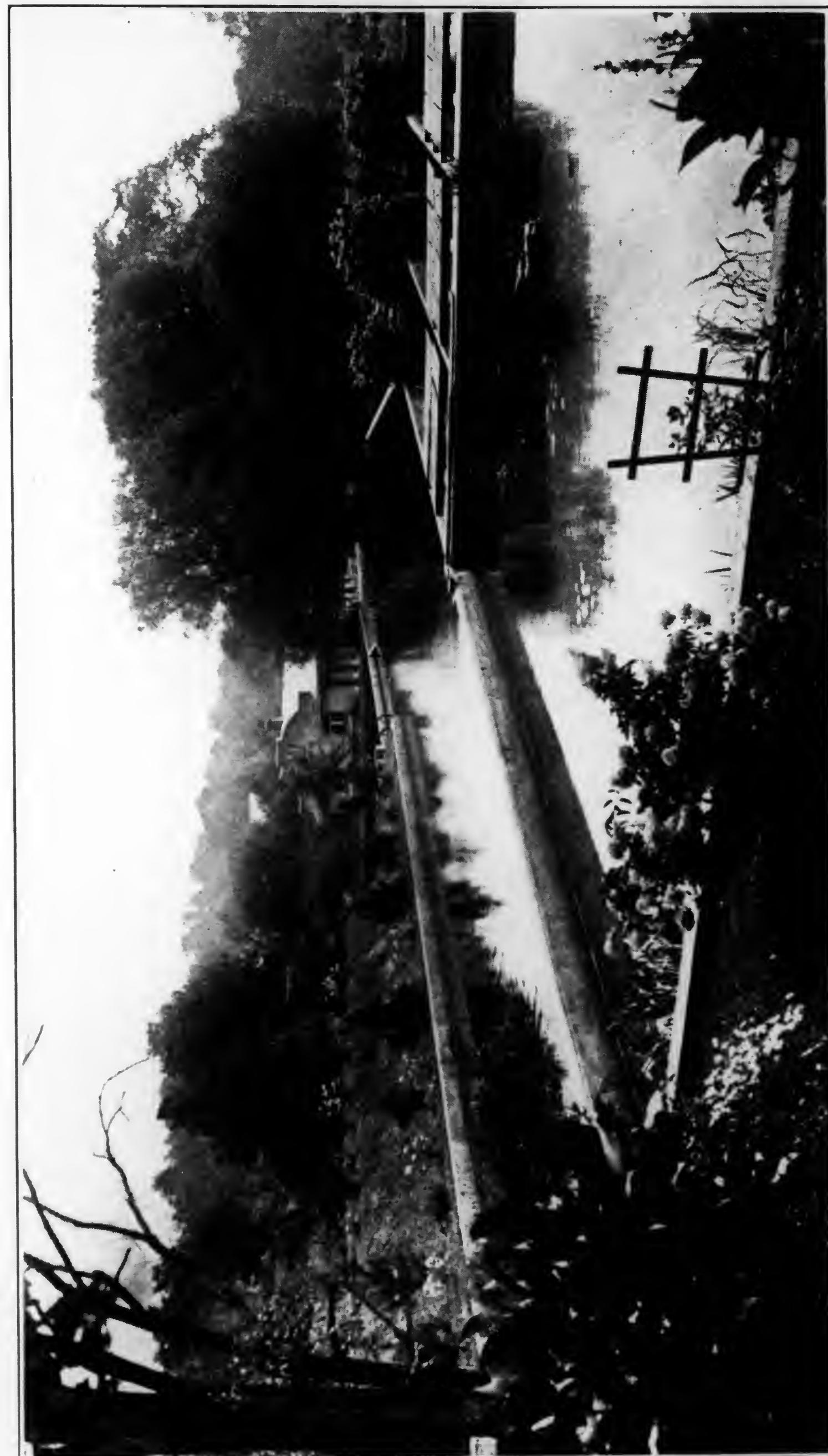
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*Pike Perch*—The quality of the pike perch eggs received this season, through the cooperative work with the Federal Bureau of Fisheries, was exceptionally fine. The Board's entire crop was carried through on the battery at this hatchery, until they had reached the eyed stage. They were then equally divided among the hatcheries having facilities for the holding of this type of eggs. The eggs that we retained at this



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*Sunfish*—This season very little space was allotted to the propagation of the bluegill. In the small space allotted to this work the offspring showed a very low mortality and a rapid growth, but owing to the limited area, we did not have as many fish for distribution as some previous years.

*Catfish*—The work of rearing the catfish this season was rather disappointing, showing the poorest production since this type of fish culture has been undertaken at this plant. About the usual number of fry were transferred from the brood ponds to the nursery areas, but during August the small fish became infected with an external parasite that caused very heavy mortality. This infected area was thoroughly disinfected, and I am not looking for a repetition of this in the coming year.

*Pickerel*—The number of pickerel of all sizes sent out for distribution this fiscal year, showed a remarkable increase over any previous year, and I do not hesitate to say that this was entirely due to the method of treating the fish, after being handled. Our program necessitated the transfer of these fish from the nursery areas to the holding ponds, in the early fall. Due to the handling of these fish in the high water temperatures, in previous years, the mortality was exceptionally high. Through our method of treating, this loss was greatly reduced.

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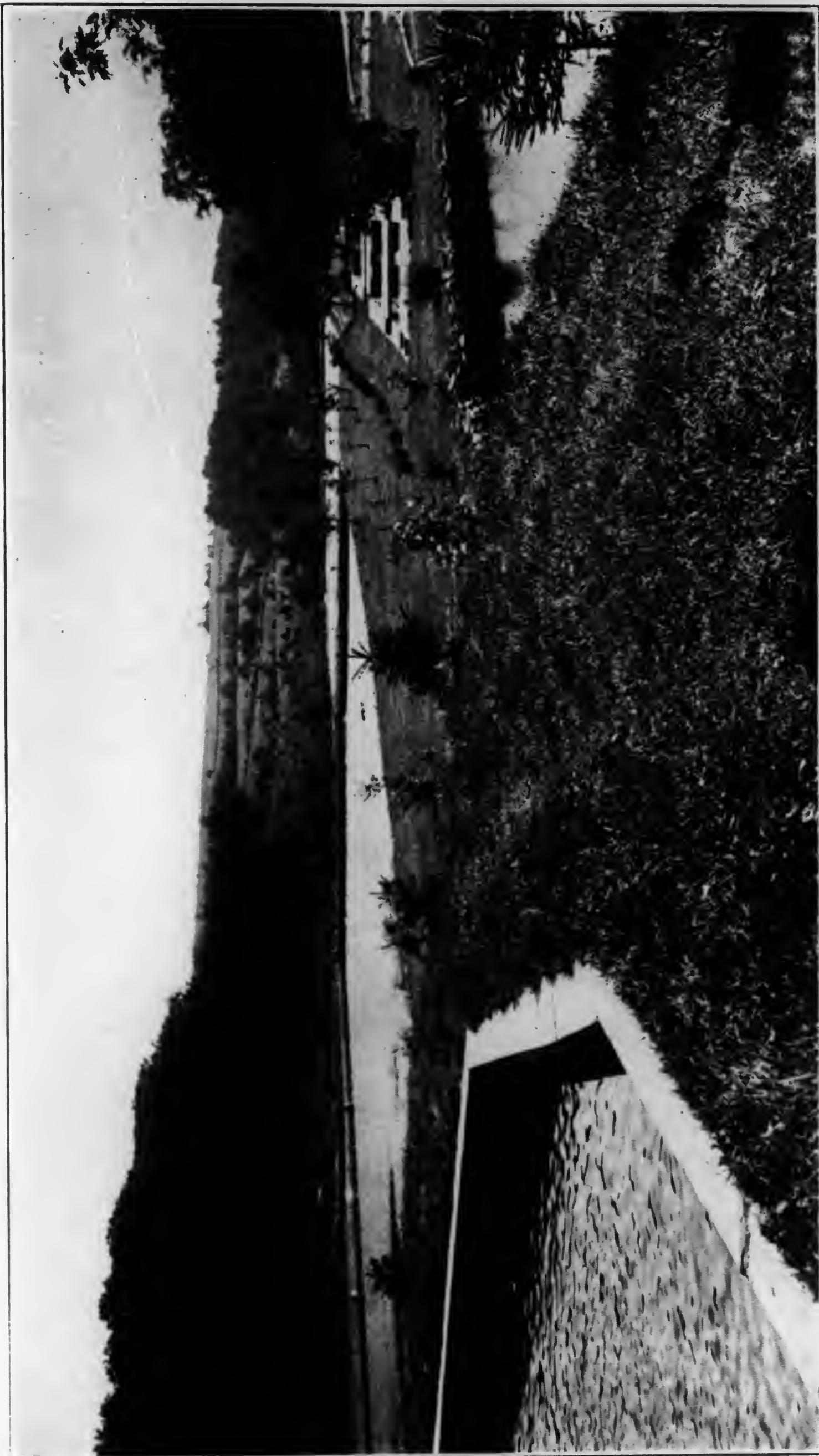
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*Forage*—Thus far, we have been unable to utilize any artificial food that the bass will feed and thrive upon, which follows that all bass held must be furnished with live, natural forage. These foods must be produced at our hatcheries. The propagation of forage is a task requiring as much work and knowledge if not more, than is necessary for the propagation of our game fish. If set-backs are encountered in the raising of any one type of forage crop for the year, it greatly curtails the size and number of bass for distribution and so far, in order to produce what food the bass will consume, it has been necessary to devote as much space to the forage work as we allotted to the direct raising and holding of the bass. At present the three principal live foods utilized are: minnows, larva frogs and water fleas.

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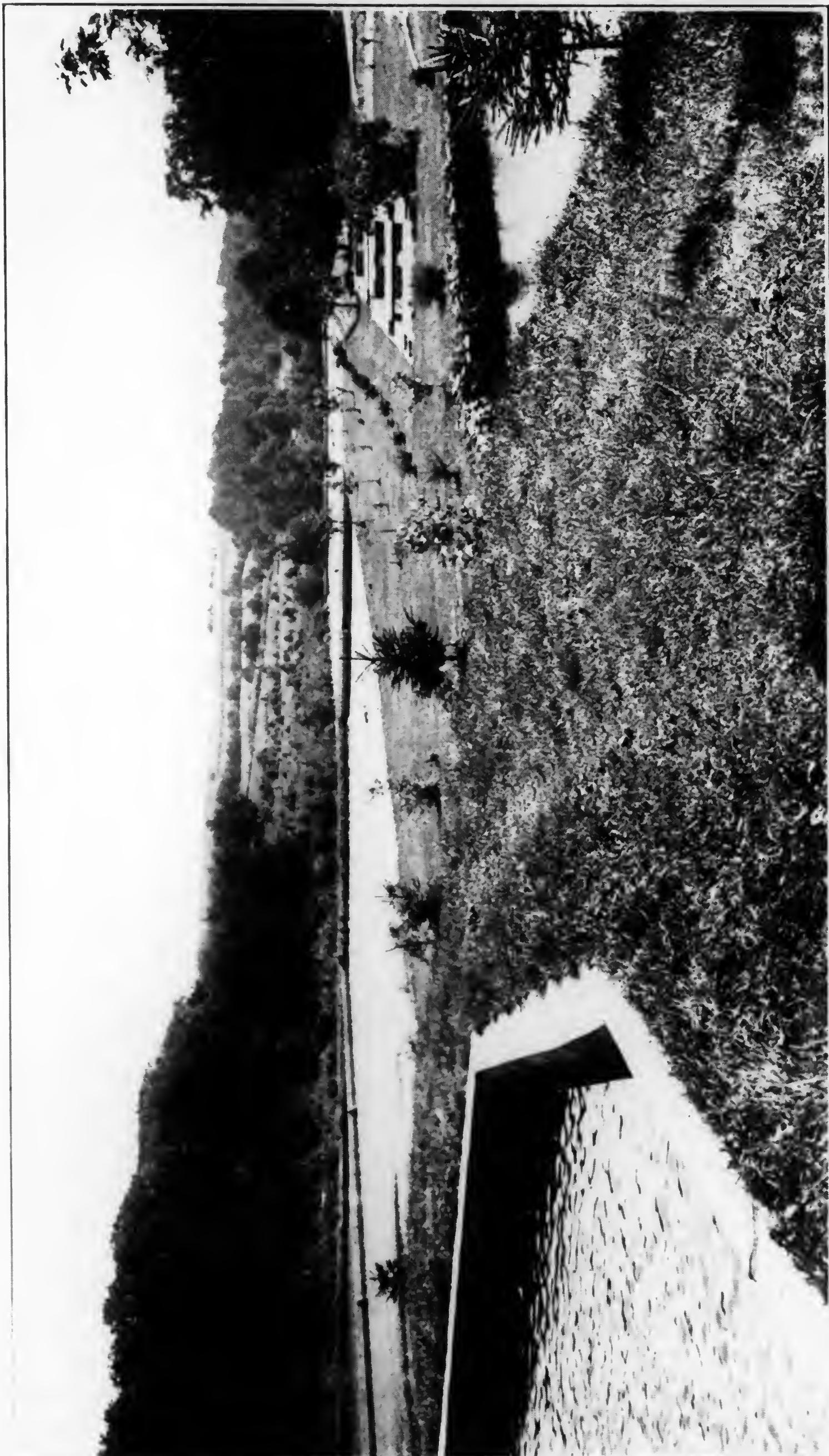
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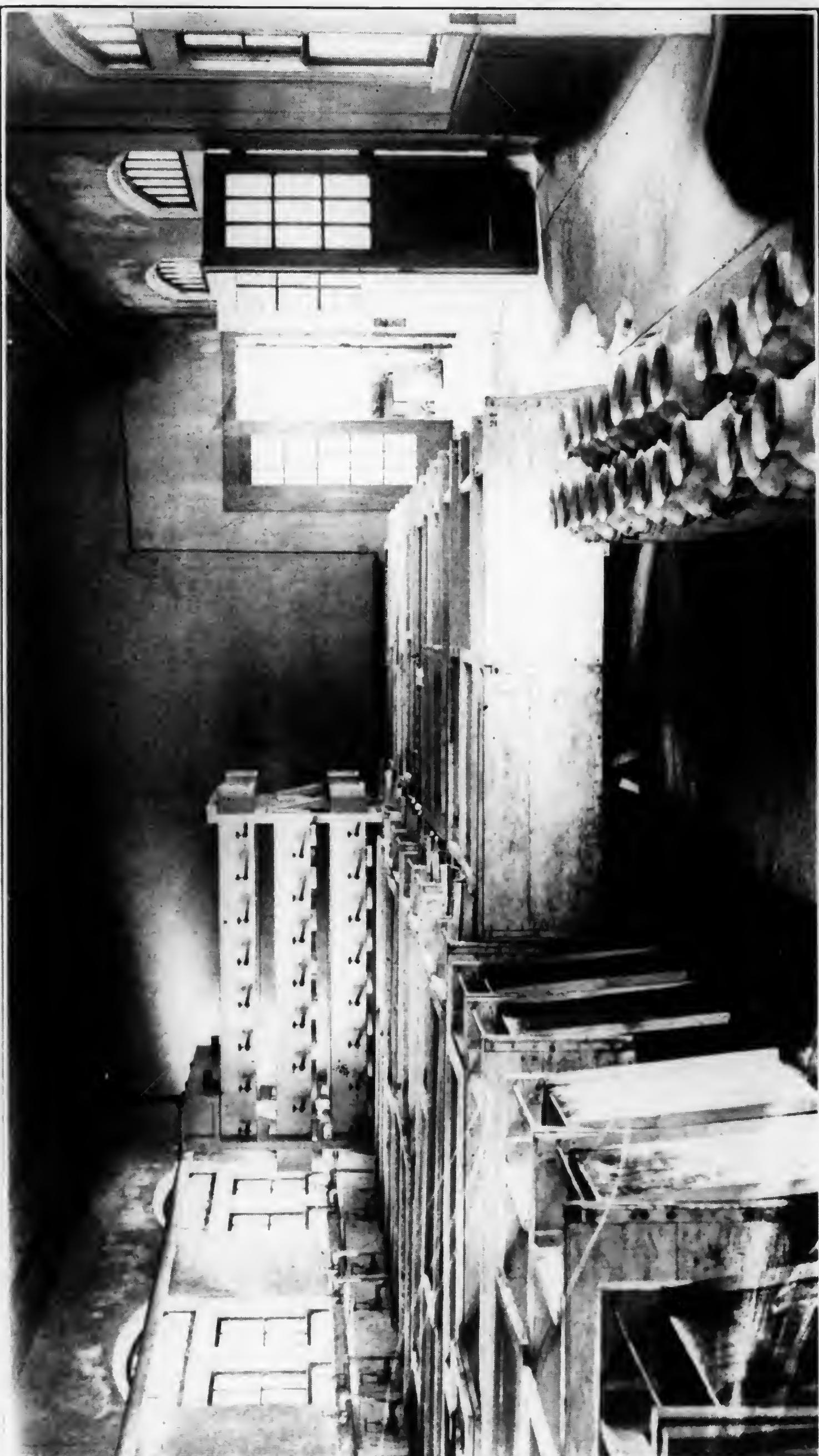
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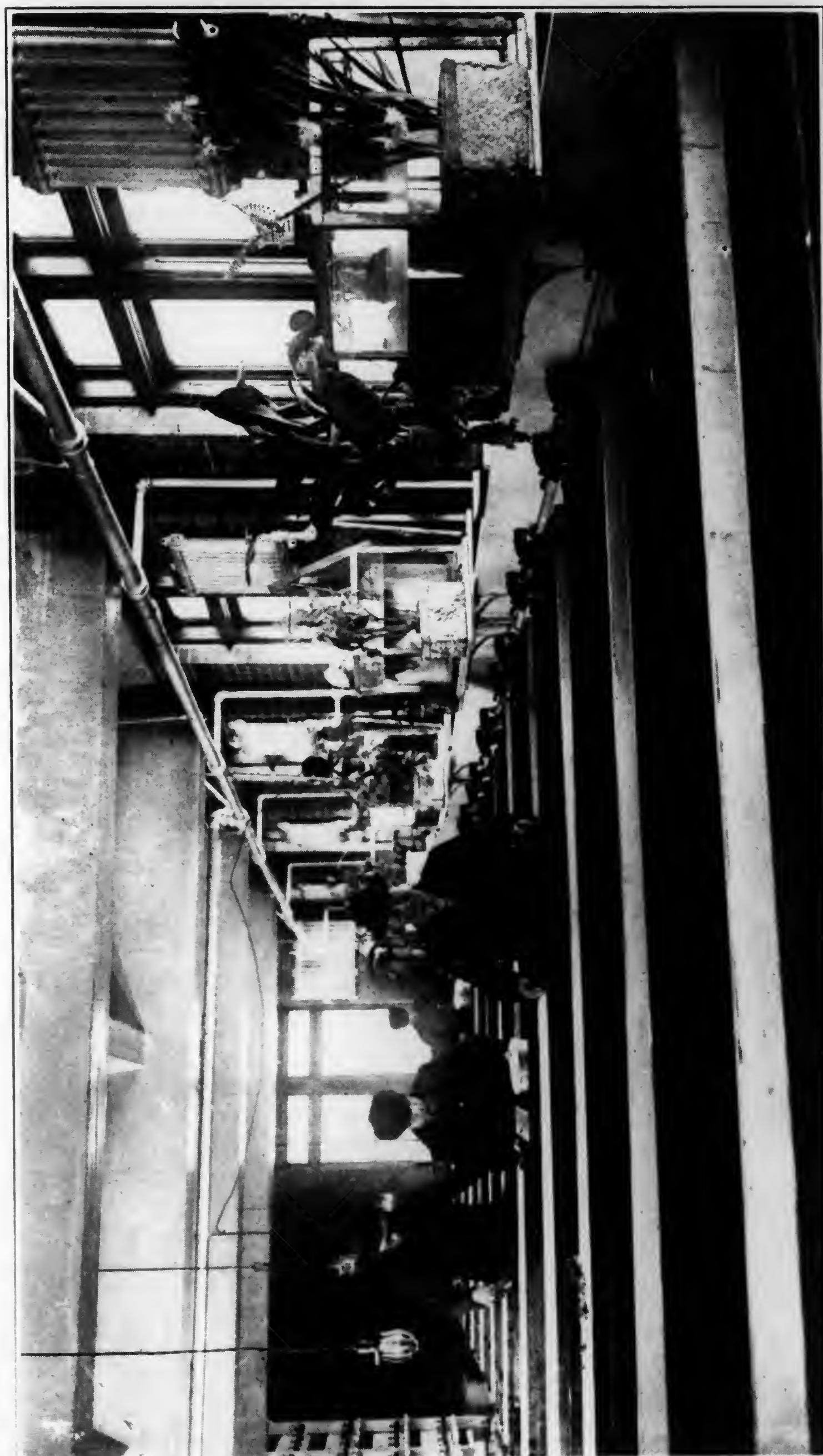
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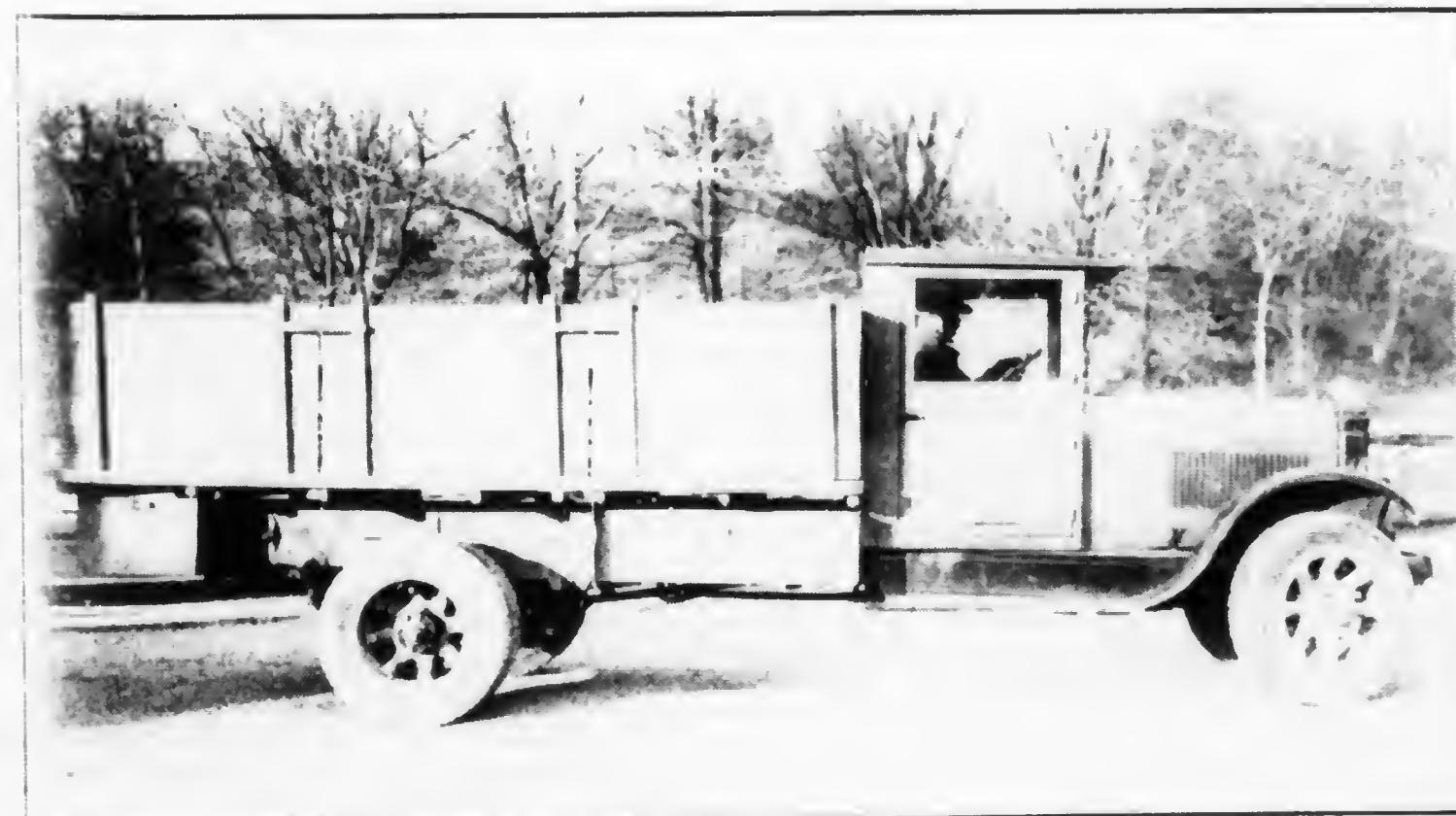
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Probably one of the outstanding accomplishments during the biennium was the purchase of a fleet of trucks for the distribution of fish. This was made necessary owing to the restrictions which have been placed on many trains and the discontinuance of local trains on many of the branches. These conditions made it imperative that the Board find some other method of distribution.



For the information of the public the Board is reproducing several cuts showing the type of truck being used, the construction of the body, and the pails for carrying the fish. The trucks are arranged with double carriers which carry eighty (80) pails. The regular Fearnow fish pail with a wholly enclosed top of finely perforated holes is being used. The capacity of the pails is twenty (20) quarts of water to the overflow. In using this type of pail it is possible to carry twice the number previously carried, supporting equally as many fish as the larger cans. The longest schedule now maintained is about three hundred miles, making a fifteen hour drive, up to this time distribution has been made in perfect safety for the fish. When the weather is hot, the tops of the pails are inverted and filled with ice, a tarpaulin cover going over the ice which makes it possible to make long trips in safety. The day is not far distant when practically all distribution will be made by truck. We have found that it is most satisfactory and you can govern every shipment which is being sent out. Naturally there are times when break-downs occur and the fish are never lost because they are placed in some stream in the immediate vicinity. This condition also had to be met when shipping by rail, as oftentimes a wreck occurred or a shipment was held up behind a wreck.

Distribution for the year 1926 and 1927 by counties is shown in the statements on Pages 97 to 102. Taking into consideration the size and age of these fish real progress is shown.



#### COOPERATIVE NURSERIES

In cooperation with the United States Bureau of Fisheries several Associations and Clubs throughout the Commonwealth are operating cooperative nurseries. The majority of these cooperative nurseries have been started during the last biennium. They are no doubt doing fine work. In some instances the Board has been requested to furnish trout fry.

The Board of Fish Commissioners is only distributing trout of a legal size and in following out its program no fry could be furnished for projects of this kind. We have this to say on the cooperative nursery:

The Board of Fish Commissioners propagates all fish at major hatcheries, which have been constructed for this purpose, as the artificial propagation and raising of fish is a technical one and can only be successfully carried on by competent fish culturists.

The Board's hatcheries are all equipped with the latest appliances, and the development of the plant has been with a view of distributing to the waters in which the public are allowed to fish, only those fish which would be of a size suitable to care for themselves, particularly the trout, bass, sunfish, catfish, yellow perch, etc. In constructing its hatcheries, the Board also had in mind that they would be in continuation many years to come.

In making the above statement the Board does not condemn the cooperative nurseries as now operated in conjunction with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries but insofar as it is concerned, does not believe it would be good policy for the State of Pennsylvania to adopt any program of this kind, as it is much better for the Board of Fish Commissioners to raise their fish to a size suitable for the streams than to attempt to send out small fry and place the burden upon the sportsmen.

From observations the Board of Fish Commissioners believes that fishermen become over-enthusiastic on propositions of this kind and when they are asked from time to time to reach down in their pockets for money to start these cooperative nurseries they begin to lose enthusiasm and it is only a short time until the projects are abandoned.

This Board has been doing everything possible in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries and we have given the operators of the different nurseries protection by closing their property, furnishing posters which protect them from trespass, and issuing the proper permits for the transfer of any fish to the waters in which the public is allowed to fish.

#### FISH PONDS FOR THE LAND OWNER

Many inquiries are received at the office of the Board of Fish Commissioners from parties seeking information on the construction and maintenance of private fish ponds. It is the policy of the Board to lend every assistance possible towards this work. Upon request engineers are sent to make suggestions and give advice in reference to the construction. Fish cultural advice is given with reference to the stocking and maintenance of the pond. In addition to this, upon written request to the Harrisburg Office, pond owners are furnished with a fish cultural application which, when properly filled out and returned, will secure for a start in the new pond those species of fish which cannot conveniently be purchased from commercial hatcheries, and which are usually best suited for the pond owners.

Privately owned ponds can be made not only a source of food supply for the family use, but in many instances where time and study is given the venture, a supply of fish will be available for market purposes. If due care is given to the planting of the pond with aquatic vegetation and beautifying the surrounding landscapes, it may be made a place of rest and comfort for the grownups as well as a place of recreation for the little folks and in many instances may provide a handy place for securing the winter crop of ice.

As no two ponds or pond sites are identical, no fixed set of rules can be laid down for their construction and maintenance.

Since the last biennial report the Board has published a bulletin covering this subject and it can be secured upon application to the Board of Fish Commissioners, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

#### FIELD SERVICE

Each year the field work of the Board is becoming more complicated. The greatest problem confronting those engaged in this work is that of producing the required number of eggs for hatching purposes at the various hatcheries. This branch of the service has been under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, with a well trained corps of men. Through his efforts it has been possible during the last biennium to build up fields which are yielding the majority of eggs necessary for certain species. No efforts have been spent towards supplying trout eggs for the reason that they can be reasonably purchased from Commercial Hatcheries located within the confines of the Commonwealth.

This branch of the service also handles the research work in connection with the survey of hatchery sites, which has been developed into a scientific study including the physical characteristics and chemical an-

alysis of the waters to ascertain if they contain that which is necessary for the proper hatching and raising of fish.

Personal investigations are also made of properties belonging to individuals who desire information as to the possibility of creating fish ponds on their property, either for private or commercial purposes.

The following is the report of the Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, Mr. C. R. Buller:

Pleasant Mount, Pa.  
January 5, 1929

Honorable N. R. Buller,  
Commissioner of Fisheries,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The following is an outline of my activities as Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries for the biennium ending May 31, 1928, and for convenience, I have listed them under three groups; Fish Culture, Research and Education.

#### FISH CULTURE

*State Hatcheries:* During the above mentioned period I have been in close touch with all fish cultural problems confronting the Superintendents of the various hatcheries, and probably the outstanding fish cultural accomplishment for the period, consists of; the production in 1927 of 532,900 bass for distribution, of a size ranging from two to four inches. This work was carried on at the Pleasant Mount Hatchery in the portion of the Unit Comprising the east and west banks of the Lackawaxen Creek and the entire area of Unit Number Two, and in 1928 of the production of 5,132 quarts of yellow perch eggs from the selectively bred stock maintained at Unit Number One of the Pleasant Mount Hatchery.

*Private Owned Hatcheries.* In Pennsylvania all commercial fish hatcheries are operated under a license granted by the Board of Fish Commissioners, who reserves the right to reject any application for a license if upon investigation, it is found that the property is not suitable or would conflict in any way with the laws governing fishing or pond construction.

In the last two years numerous parties have made application for a commercial hatchery license. In every instance these properties were first inspected by a representative of the Board, and in instances where the applicant so desired, I personally visited the site for the purpose of giving them all information available on the particular branch of fish culture that they were interested in. A full report of my findings and recommendations of each investigation is on file.

*Privately Owned Ponds:* In recent years a very keen interest has been shown in the construction and maintenance of privately owned fish ponds. Upon request the Board has assisted those interested by furnishing information on pond construction, stocking, the development of natural forage, etc. Where their problems were out of the ordinary and their inquiries could not be intelligently answered by mail, I personally visited the sites and assisted them in working out their problems, to the best of my ability.

*Public Waters:* Biological studies have been made in many of our public lakes, ponds and streams throughout the State, for the purpose of endeavoring to increase their fish holding capacity.

Working upon the theory that a body of water will only support fish life in proportion to its ability to produce food, the majority of the work has been confined to the forage problem.

*Field Work:* For a number of years the field service has been under my supervision. This branch of the service consists of: the pond and stream survey, the taking or collecting of fish eggs, and the transferring of certain kinds of baby fish from the brood areas to the nursery areas. At the present time, as applying to our inland waters, the Board does not practice the policy of collecting its fish egg crop from wild fish or the transferring of fish from one lake or stream to another. The egg crop with one exception, the pike perch, is obtained from fish held at the hatcheries for this purpose. At the present time, the Board has no facilities for the holding of the necessary number of brood pike perch required to produce the egg supply, so that this crop is obtained through the cooperative work carried on with the Federal Bureau of Fisheries.

The term fish hatchery as applied to Pennsylvania institutions, is much more than the name applies, as the fish are not only hatched but with a few exceptions, are held in ponds and grown until they reach a considerable size before released in the public waters. The artificial culture of no two species, with the exception of trout, is identically the same and for the best results it requires men especially trained in the various branches of the fish cultural work. As an example, certain men are trained in caring for the eggs on the hatchery battery or the care of the eggs incubated by the trough method, while others are especially trained to feed fish, etc.

The field force consists of a corps of men trained for the artificial taking of the eggs or the collecting of the same as the case may be, and the removing of the baby fish from the brood areas to the nursery areas. This type of work only applies to such species as the bass, catfish and others whose eggs can not be artificially extruded; and the collecting and transferring of live food from the forage areas to the bass areas, which alone consumes a period of approximately three months

each year. While this corps of men is not consigned to any one hatchery, the majority of this type of work is carried on in connection with the Pleasant Mount Hatchery.

In January 1928, the Board created a separate division for its research work, to be known as the Bureau of Research and under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, with laboratories and headquarters at the Pleasant Mount Hatchery. Heretofore, the research work was turned over to the Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, but came under no particular head.

*Adult Bass Forage Problem:* From the beginning of the artificial raising of black bass at the State Hatcheries, the culturists have realized that the most important check upon production, was the lack of the proper kind of food that the bass of all sizes could be induced to feed and thrive upon, and consequently, for a number of years intense study has been devoted in endeavoring to solve the problem.

Parent bass have been induced to feed upon a number of kinds of so-called artificial foods, but in every instance where this type of food was resorted to, many of the brood fish died and those that did survive, the greater majority of them were barren the following season. Thus far, the only successful food for the parent fish that we have been able to utilize, is the live natural food. The feeding of natural food greatly lessens the mortality and little trouble has been encountered with sterile fish. The serious problem with this type of food is to obtain the vast amount required. While much progress has been made along these lines during the last biennium, we still encounter many unsolved problems.

*Baby Bass Forage:* When the baby bass were liberated in the public waters during the fry or early feeding stages, little thought was given in reference to their food requirements, but when the Board inaugurated a program for the raising of bass at its hatcheries until they had attained a length of two inches or over, the men in charge were confronted by a number of serious problems, and as with the parent bass, probably the most important one being the question of food.

Just as soon as the yolk sac is absorbed, the baby bass must be provided with nourishment in sufficient quantities and of the proper kind. After considerable consideration, it was decided that artificial feeding, even if artificial food could be found that would be suitable, would not be practical for the baby bass in their early feeding stages.

The task of feeding artificial food to fish is a matter of education. Unless the bass fry receive the food they require in a very short time after the yolk sac is absorbed, the result will be disastrous. In ponds the bass fry are widely scattered and found in depths ranging from six

inches to six feet and in the short time available, a very small percent could be taught to feed. Those that could not be taught to consume the artificial food in this short time, would be a loss.

In the Board's early work of the pond culture of bass, the only solution to the problem appeared to be to create a condition in the pond whereby, it would naturally produce the food required. This partly solved the problem, but the ponds could not be made to sustain fish life and also produce a natural crop of food in a sufficient quantity to feed a worth while number of bass for any length of time.

However, this work led up to the development of the artificial propagation of the water flea for the baby bass, in areas set aside for this purpose. For the past six years much effort has been set forth in order to bring this about and I am glad to report that I believe its culture is a practical success and at the present time under my supervision, the Superintendent of the Pleasant Mount Hatchery is constructing a series of thirty culture beds where the work will be tested out this season.

*Fish Diseases:* At the fish hatcheries where thousands of fish are confined in small areas under artificial conditions, those in charge must constantly guard against disease. Within the last two years no serious epidemics have occurred at any of the hatcheries. While certain ponds and areas were infected at various intervals with disease, the infected areas were kept well under control and outbreaks did not reach the epidemic stage.

In my judgment, the lack of disease and its control during outbreaks has been entirely due to the sanitary conditions of the plants and to the method of disinfecting the exposed areas.

The comparatively disease free condition of our hatcheries has not caused the Bureau of Research to let up on its work on fish diseases. While at the present time no control measures are known for the majority of fish ailments, nevertheless, practical remedial measures have been worked out for several diseases which heretofore caused considerable mortality among certain species of fish. It is through these treatments that the Board has been able to greatly increase its yearly distribution of pickerel and has enabled the Union City Hatchery to greatly lessen the mortality among its brood fish which heretofore occurred after the fall and spring handling.

*The Planting of Bass:* The sole aim of the Board of Fish Commissioners is to promote good fishing for all types of fishermen. The artificial rearing of fish does not complete the task and for the best results they must be intelligently planted. The past two years has carried us well forward in streams and lake investigation, with reference to the planting of hatchery reared fish. As a result of this work, it has been found that in Pennsylvania, in every instance where bass have been

introduced into small water areas, it has eventually been to the sacrifice of all other species and in many instances the poor fishing in certain small water areas can be attributed to the bass, and I believe and recommend that the Board should limit the planting of bass to our larger streams and rivers that already contain this species.

#### Education

When the anglers, both present and future, learn something of the life history of the fish for which they are angling; how they are artificially propagated and distributed from the hatcheries; of what value, economic and otherwise, is the common life found in and about the lakes and streams; then and then only can they be called real conservationists and fishermen.

This work of education is carried on by the Board in a number of different ways; by portraying in motion pictures the life history and artificial propagation of various species, by distributing pamphlets and bulletins on aquatic life, by talks and lectures by men qualified in the work, by sending specimens of fish and fish eggs to our institutions of learning for research work, and by maintaining an aquarium in our major hatcheries where many forms of aquatic life can be seen and studied at close range.

In Pennsylvania, there is a large group of fishermen that the Board can not get in touch with by the distribution of literature, motion pictures or lectures. With the modern facilities for traveling, one or more of the State hatcheries are within several hours ride from almost any portion of the State.

By having well kept and attractive surroundings at the hatcheries and in some instances by the maintenance of aquariums, many of this class as well as others, have been induced to visit the hatcheries where they learn by actually seeing and become interested in this type of conservation which could not be imparted to them in any other manner and in my judgment, for this reason if no other, aquariums as well as attractive surroundings should be maintained at as many of the hatcheries as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. R. BULLER,

Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries.

#### PROTECTION

The Board of Fish Commissioners is fortunate in having in its employ as wardens, a group of men who not only enforce the laws governing fishing but make it a part of their work to carry on a campaign of

education which, in the opinion of the Board, is a real need in this branch of the service.

All men appointed to the Warden Service must be physically fit, of good character and habits, and at all times be prepared to go to any section of the Commonwealth. Contrary to the general belief, wardens in the employ of the Board are not assigned to any particular location. During the season they usually cover all sections of the Commonwealth.

Officers are urged to use tact in enforcing the law, and not to make arrests on technical offenses unless the particular case warrants. The persons to be punished are the wilful violators of the law. Our officers have often been commended for their judgment in cases where questions have been raised as to whether or not the case was really a violation of the law or only a technical one.

Fish Wardens in Pennsylvania are expected to do their patrolling on foot as it is not possible to successfully patrol streams by automobile. We appreciate the value of a machine in these days, and where conditions warrant they have been allowed.

The Board believes that the day is not far distant when the real enforcement agent will be the one who flies, and who can communicate his findings to someone on the ground.

During the latter part of the last biennium the Commissioner of Fisheries had occasion to talk to a friend who was making daily flights along the Susquehanna River, in the course of the conversation he asked if fish baskets were still permitted, he was advised they were not, and then related what he had seen between Sunbury and Columbia, naturally baskets and walls were plainly visible, and this information led to many arrests during the next week or ten days.

One competent officer could cover considerable territory seldom patrolled, and when he became accustomed to the work, could very readily tell if nets, outlines, or any other illegal devices were being operated.

During the last biennium it has been necessary to more closely patrol Lake Erie, particularly the line between the States of New York, Ohio and the Dominion of Canada. The employes at the Erie Hatchery handle this work, and several nets were confiscated and fines collected.

The State Police and Game Protectors rendered the same excellent cooperation to the Board. The Board realizes the many duties these men have to perform, nevertheless, it was possible to render valuable service and many arrests were made by them. The Board deeply appreciates this cooperation.

Enforcement lies in the combined efforts of all those interested in the fisheries. The last biennium has shown much activity of Associations and individuals. As long as they cooperate with the Board in this way, complete enforcement will be eventually assured. That may be

a rather broad statement but we sincerely believe that the cooperation received from the fishermen, Associations, Clubs and individuals will eventually break down law violations.

Specific data relative to the number of arrests, convictions, amount of fines collected, etc., will be found on Page 90.

#### SPECIAL FISH WARDENS

The Special Fish Warden is doing a good work in connection with the apprehension of violators of the law by reporting violations to either the Harrisburg office or the regular officer in his district. There was a time when Special Fish Wardens were of little value, but with the enactment of the license law, Associations took it upon themselves to have members who were specially qualified approved as Special Wardens.

For the information of those interested, the section of the law covering applications is quoted:

"Section 258. Special Fish Wardens. The Board of Fish Commissioners, on written application of a properly organized fish protective association or on the written application of any association or individual owning or leasing waters, may appoint one or more Special Fish Wardens for the county in which the application is made. The Board of Fish Commissioners may appoint Special Fish Wardens to act anywhere within the Commonwealth. All Special Fish Wardens appointed under authority of this section may exercise the powers of their appointments until the thirty-first day of May next succeeding the date of their appointment and no longer. Special Fish Wardens shall have the same powers and shall make the same reports as is conferred on and required from regular fish wardens."

The Board of Fish Commissioners does not ask the Special Officer to actively engage in enforcing the laws, and it does not expect him to do so, the fact that it is known in his community that he is a Special Warden is sufficient to have a deterrent effect on at least some of the violators, and any violation which he observes when he is on the stream can very easily be conveyed to our regular officer if he does not care to bring prosecution himself.

There are about 419 Special Fish Wardens in Pennsylvania, naturally with such a large force it is impossible to make a personal contact with all of them. Whenever it is observed that anyone holding a special warden's commission is not doing as an officer should, the Board of Fish Commissioners at Harrisburg will greatly appreciate such information, and their commission will be revoked.

The regulation of the Board covering the appointment of Special Wardens is that they shall be recommended by an Association, Club or

individual. In the case of recommendation by Clubs or Associations the recommendation must come through as an order of business at one of their stated sessions, and the proper application must be filled out and returned with the recommendation.

If an individual recommends the appointment, the Board has one of its regular officers personally get in touch with the applicant. In this way the Board endeavors to make only those appointments which will not only be a credit to the Board in its work but to those who are responsible for their appointment.

#### RESIDENT CITIZEN'S FISHING LICENSES

If it were not for the license law the Board of Fish Commissioners would still be subject to appropriations, which were barely sufficient to operate its hatcheries. The first year the license law became effective the receipts were \$50,000 in excess of the appropriation for any one year. The revenue from this source has gradually grown until to-day the yearly receipts total \$293,397.

The receipts by years are as follows:

1922	.....	\$203,061
1923	.....	214,392
1924	.....	247,281
1925	.....	250,873
1926	.....	261,109
1927	.....	293,397

It is our firm belief that if any State is to be successful in the propagation of fish it must be through the enactment of a resident license law.

If history is to be depended upon the following will result:

1. The actual accomplishment of things advocated for many years.
2. The creation of a spirit of cooperation between the fishermen, Associations and Clubs which was little dreamed of under appropriations.
3. Proper maintenance and extension of present hatcheries.
4. Purchase of sites and construction of new hatcheries.

Since the enactment of the Resident Citizen's License Law many States in the Union have been in close touch with Pennsylvania seeking information as to the proper laws which should be enacted. In some instances States have had license laws enacted which were practically useless insofar as a revenue producer, by having embodied in the law exemption as to kinds of tackle used, exempted for certain waters, and other restrictions which made it impossible to enforce. The only law which can be properly administered is one which covers

every fisherman who is on the waters within the age limit, regardless of whether he is fishing with a home-made pole and line, or with an outfit costing \$100.00. You cannot discriminate and have an effective law.

The Board is certain the above statements are facts and not based on theories. It goes without saying that any restriction on the license law in Pennsylvania would immediately make it inoperative and useless.

Mention has frequently been made to the license button being used by Pennsylvania. The Board believes it has passed the experimental stage in license buttons for the fishermen. It is a well known fact that it takes from eight to ten years to build up a license to its peak figure. The coming year, 1929, will be our eighth year and each succeeding year has shown a marked increase in the number of licenses issued.

In perfecting the button which is now used by the fishermen, the Board has spent much time and thought and it believes it is perfection insofar as its requirements are concerned.

Practically no complaints have been made since the adoption of the button with a device for carrying the license, which proves there is no danger of losing the license from the button. We have recently learned that other States have adopted the Pennsylvania System.

At the last session of the Legislature the fishermen amended the law increasing the license fee from \$1.00 to \$1.50. It became effective on January 1, 1928 and from all indications the receipts for 1929 will be in excess of those for 1928 by at least \$150,000. This increase assures rapid progress with the construction of new hatcheries. The fishermen are to me commended for their splendid assistance in furthering the work of the Board.

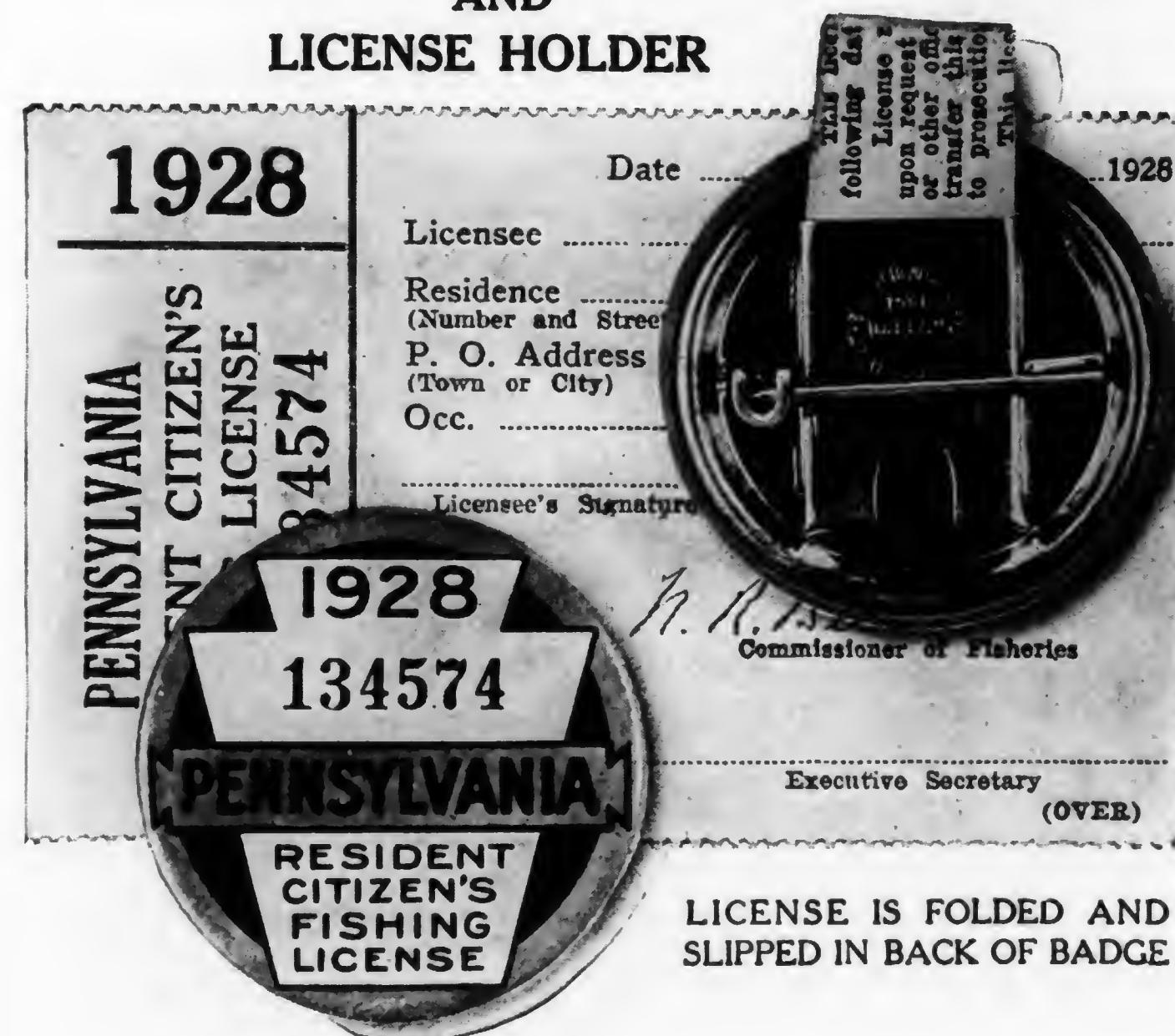
Statement showing Resident Citizen's Fishing Licenses as issued by the County Treasurers will be found on Page 89.

For the information of the public the accompanying cut shows clearly the button and license now in use in Pennsylvania.

#### NON-RESIDENT FISHERMEN'S LICENSE LAW

Each year sees considerable increase in the number of non-resident fishermen. Pennsylvania apparently stands very high in the opinion of non-resident fishermen, as their number increased over forty per cent during the last biennium. Pennsylvania boasts of many excellent fishing grounds and whenever a non-resident has so requested we have furnished him specific locations for the species of fish he desired to angle for. The most popular counties are Monroe, Pike, Wayne, Susquehanna, Bradford, Potter and Tioga.

#### COMBINATION IDENTIFICATION BADGE AND LICENSE HOLDER

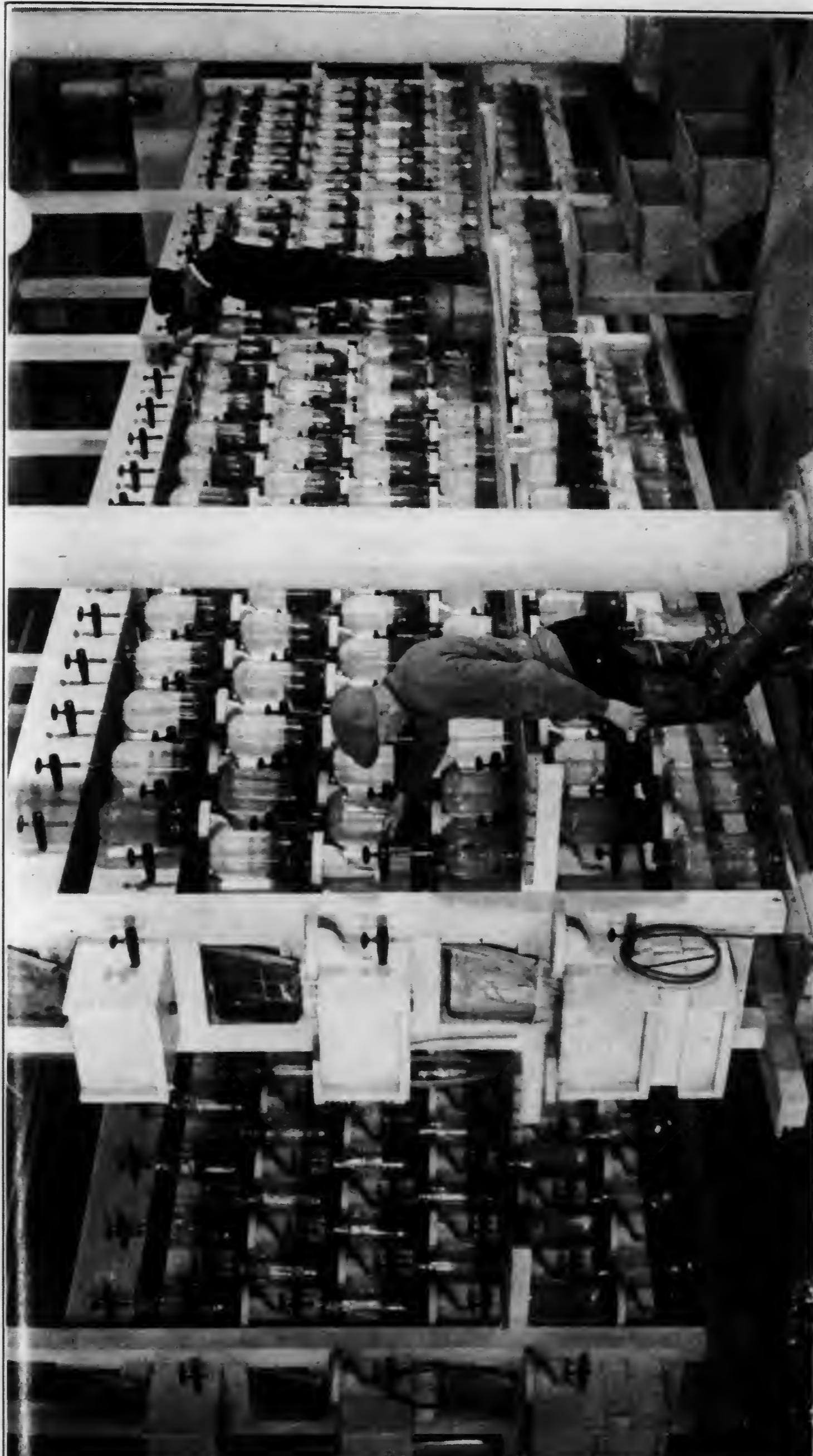


The Pennsylvania license is reciprocal. The Board believes a flat fee of \$5.00 for all non-resident fishermen should be adopted. Certainly non-residents should pay a fee considerably increased to that of the resident. When you consider the work which is done by Pennsylvania to increase fishing in its waters it is no more than reasonable to expect non-residents to contribute their share.

The following table has been prepared so that the fishermen will be familiar with the fees charged by other States under the Reciprocal Law:

<i>State</i>	<i>Cost of License</i>
Alabama .....	\$5.00
Alaska .....	2.50
Arizona .....	2.50
Arkansas .....	5.00
California .....	3.00
Colorado .....	3.00
Connecticut .....	3.25
Delaware .....	5.00
District of Columbia .....	2.50
Florida .....	5.50
Georgia .....	2.50
Idaho .....	5.00
Illinois .....	2.50
Indiana .....	2.50
Iowa .....	3.00
Kansas .....	3.00
Kentucky .....	2.50
Louisiana .....	5.00
Maine .....	3.15
Maryland .....	5.50*
Massachusetts .....	5.25
Michigan .....	5.00
Minnesota .....	3.00
Mississippi .....	2.50
Missouri .....	3.00
Montana .....	3.50
Nebraska .....	2.50
Nevada .....	3.00
New Hampshire .....	3.15
New Jersey .....	5.50
New York .....	5.50
New Mexico .....	3.00

\*If applicant is resident of county other than Garrett, Allegheny, Carroll, Washington, Frederick or Dorchester the fee will be \$2.50.



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Kentucky .....	2.50
Louisiana .....	5.00
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Maryland .....	5.50*
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North Carolina .....	3.00
North Dakota .....	3.00
Ohio .....	\$2.50
Oklahoma .....	5.00
Oregon .....	3.00
Rhode Island .....	2.50
South Carolina .....	3.25
South Dakota .....	2.50
Tennessee .....	2.50
Texas .....	5.00
Utah .....	3.00
Vermont .....	3.15
Virginia .....	2.50
Washington .....	5.00
West Virginia .....	5.00
Wisconsin .....	3.00
Wyoming .....	3.00

#### **OPERATION OF THE TUG "COMMODORE PERRY"**

The Tug "Commodore Perry" rendered valuable service to the Board during the last biennium. Without it, it would have been practically impossible to handle the lake situation and take care of the other needs of the Board. The crew devotes a considerable portion of their time to the interests of the inland fishermen. During the hatching and shipping seasons they are employed at the hatchery or on the road with consignments of fish for individuals.

During the next biennium the tug is to render valuable service to the Research Department. A biological survey is to be made of the bay and lake. Many problems concerning the inland waters will also be handled through this Department. This is of real value to all fishermen throughout the Commonwealth.

#### **FISHING INDUSTRY ON LAKE ERIE**

The Board of Fish Commissioners is continually working with the commercial fishermen towards the improvement of the fishing conditions on Lake Erie. Unfortunately the catches have been considerably smaller than formerly.

During a normal year from 80 to 90 tugs operate out of this port. During the last year of this biennium there were only 34 tugs operating, fishing approximately 272,000 feet of bull nets and 50,000 of gill nets. During the fall when the season is at its height there are about 2,000,000 feet of twine in the lake, which would be approximately 378 miles of nets. In a normal year 500 miles of twine per day is hauled by the fleet.

A study of the catch of fish from the Great Lakes for 1927 shows that Lake Erie produced 23,790,000 pounds, which is only equalled by Lake Michigan, which produced 23,681,000.

This is quite a contrast with Lake Erie in 1923 when 44,378,000 pounds were taken.

The average for ten years shows that Lake Erie produced 38,963,000 pounds which is 15,000,000 greater than the average for any other Lake.

The year 1927 was the poorest for ten years. In the opinion of the Board of Fish Commissioners there are many contributory causes for this, three of the most important being—The Abstraction of Water by the City of Chicago, Pollution, Amount of Gear and Type of Gear Used.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries has had several biologists at work on the Lake during the last biennium and has called frequent conferences on the question. Early in 1928 representatives of the different States met at Lansing, Michigan, at the request of Governor Green. Those represented were the United States Bureau of Fisheries, New York Conservation Commission, Ohio Bureau of Game and Fish, Pennsylvania Board of Fish Commissioners and the Province of Ontario. They have formulated a comprehensive, cooperative program. Pennsylvania's work is to be in charge of Robert T. Hance, Department of Zoology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who has proposed the following program for Pennsylvania:

#### **PLAN OF COOPERATION SUBMITTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH**

The University of Pittsburgh through the Department of Zoology proposes the following plan of scientific cooperation on the problems of the Lake Erie Fisheries with the Bureau of Fisheries of the State of Pennsylvania.

The University will establish two research assistantships, the holders of which will devote their entire time to the study of fishery problems to be mutually agreed upon. One of these assistants will deal chiefly with the animal side of the question while the other will study the plant conditions. These men will carry on their studies chiefly on the campus under the staffs of the Department of Botany and Zoology and will have funds available for traveling to and from Lake Erie as their work necessitates.

Although the problems that seem most pressing after conference with the representatives will be considered first the following list of topics needing further study has been compiled by Mr. George J. Dambach and may prove suggestive.

## PROBLEMS FOR INVESTIGATION

- (1) *Food*
  - (a) Study of stomach content of the commercial fish. The stomach content of fish needs careful study to understand the necessary foods consumed by the lake fish.
  - (b) Economic aspect of feeding young fish. Great expense is involved in collecting the natural foods for the development of young fish; a method might be worked out for the feeding of artificial foods to young fish.
  - (c) The effects of insects as a food on fish. It is believed that insects, especially may-flies, cause mortality among the commercial fish; such sources of food need investigating.
- (2) *Embryology*
  - (a) The need for further knowledge of embryology of the commercial fish.
- (3) *Fertility of fish eggs*
  - (a) Increasing greater percentage of yield of the fertility of eggs.  
A new method for hatchery needs to be worked out. The present percentage of yield ranges from 50% to 75% for the majority of commercial fish. It would probably be possible to increase this yield greatly through research work.
  - (b) A study of the causes of irregularly shaped fish eggs.  
At the present time there seems to be about 25% to 50% of irregularly shaped fish eggs which do not become fertilized.
  - (c) The study of heavy metals which might cause low percentage of fertility.  
It is well known that minute traces of copper and mercury cause sperm of fish to lose their fertilizing power. It would be well to make chemical tests of the water used in the hatcheries.
- (4) *Studies of the Sturgeon.*  
No satisfactory hatching method has been worked out for the Sturgeon and a great decline in the catch has been experienced for a number of years.
- (5) *The Temperature effect on fish-eggs.*  
It is well known that eggs in general hatch best at a suitable temperature; such temperature for commercial fish and a proper method for controlling it must be determined.

(6) *Genetical studies of commercial fish.*

Experimental studies of cross breeding. Under such a study better strain of fish might be produced to resist diseases and other causes of mortality, and possibly to increase production.

(7) *Cytological and histological aspect of commercial fish.*

A study of the microscopic anatomy of the reproductive and other organs of the fish must be made to lay a foundation for other work.

(8) *Parasitology*

The physiological effects of parasites needs careful study.

It is to be hoped that the results of the Biological Survey during the next biennium will be of great assistance to the fish culturists, and that those in charge will be able to furnish some solution to this question which is most important to the preservation of this great industry.

On Pages (92 to 97) will be found statistical data covering the catches on Lake Erie.

## SHAD SEINE LICENSES

The once great shad industry is practically a thing of the past insofar as Pennsylvania is concerned. The completion of the Conowingo Dam at Conowingo, Maryland, precludes the possibility of any shad entering Pennsylvania waters, consequently no licenses were issued during 1928. The Board will recommend to the next session of the Legislature an amendment to the fish code, eliminating Shad Seine Licenses insofar as the Susquehanna River is concerned.

Possibly ten or twelve licenses were issued for the portion of the streams within the limits of the tide emptying into the Delaware River; however, no shad were reported caught during 1927. We are told that only an occasional shad is taken in the lower reaches of the Delaware. No doubt one of the principal reasons is, that this portion of the river is highly polluted.

## PERMITS

During the last biennium 516 permits were issued for the Drawing of Dams, Use of Explosives, Transfer of Fish, Taking of Fish for Scientific and Propagation purposes, etc. Two hundred and fifteen of these were issued for the drawing of dams to make necessary repairs or for cleaning.

If persons owning or controlling dams would get in touch with the Board when it is necessary to draw the water for any reason, no doubt much embarrassment could be avoided. There were 24 permits

issued for the use of explosives, mostly in the case of drownings. To the Board's knowledge bodies of drowned persons are rarely brought to the surface through the use of dynamite; however, it is almost mandatory upon the Board to issue these permits for the reason of the personal feelings of those who were nearest to the person drowned. The Board has always extended this courtesy and has had an officer present so that as few fish as possible were killed. In emergencies all persons should call by phone, or wire the office at Harrisburg when proper permission will be granted. The only delay will be in the arrival of an officer of the Board. This usually takes but a short time.

The Board of Fish Commissioners must administer the laws as it finds them upon the statutes and while there are times when the individual feels permits in certain cases are not necessary, it is the opinion of the Board that the law is a good one and should be enforced to the letter. If it were not for this law, unscrupulous persons could draw dams at will, remove the fish, and dispose of them as they saw fit, the law not only conserves the fish, but it protects the fisherman and preserves for him many waters which otherwise would not be available.

#### COMMERCIAL FISH HATCHERIES

During the last biennium there was a considerable increase in licenses issued for Commercial Hatcheries for the raising of bait fish. This was caused by the amendment of the law prohibiting the taking of more than fifty bait fish by any one person.

The result of this law is commencing to have its effect upon all waters. It was a well-known fact that if fishing was to be maintained for certain species, it was imperative that a law be enacted prohibiting the taking of more than fifty bait fish in any one day.

All fair-minded fishermen agree with the Board on this section of the law. The establishing of hatcheries for the raising of bait is solving the problem in most sections. Each year will see an increase in the number of bait fish propagated. It is a good business for those who are properly situated, but before expending any money along these lines we would suggest that you first take the matter up with this Board for further information.

While the commercial hatcheries for the raising of trout had rather an excellent business during the last two years as the statements contained in another part of this report will show, it is a problem as to just how they will fare in the future, one of three things must be done, either the hatcheries have to be abandoned, the output greatly curtailed, or increase the price of the fish propagated. Whether or not the market would be able to absorb the increase remains to be

seen. It is a certainty that something will have to be done. The reason for this is the greatly increased cost of food for trout, mention of which was made in the article on propagation. Surely no commercial hatchery can pay three times as much for their food and exist for any length of time unless the consumer is willing to absorb his share of this increase.

We hope that something can be worked out whereby all commercial hatcheries can remain in business. The Board will render every assistance possible as it means much to the fishermen of Pennsylvania.

The following is a list of the Commercial Hatcheries in Pennsylvania:

#### Trout Hatcheries

General Harry C. Trexler, Young Building, Allentown, Pa.  
Brook Trout Company of Penn Forest, Mauch Chunk, Pa.  
Coudersport Cold Spring Fish Hatchery, c/o O. J. Freeman, Coudersport, Pa.  
L. F. Grammes & Sons, Brook Trout Hatchery, 1119 Linden Street, Allentown, Pa.  
Crystal Spring Brook Trout Company, William Moss, Manager, Port Allegany, Pa.  
Paradise Brook Trout Company, R. F. D.—Cresco, Pa.

#### Commercial Bait Fish Dealers

L. S. Yoder (Flag Run) .....	Salisbury, Pa.
A. D. Hudson, .....	Linesville, Box 143
Harold Von Waldburg, Long Pond Commercial Hatchery, Lakeville, Pa.	
F. L. Haight .....	Nanticoke, Pa.
J. D. Kizer .....	Maplewood, Pa.
Marsh Lake Hatchery .....	Lake Ariel, Pa., R. D. No. 1
E. S. LaBar .....	Hawley, Pa.
Oscar Olsommer Lake Wynoosky Hatchery .....	Canadensis, Pa., R. D.
Ralph Van Gorder .....	Narrowsburg, N. Y.
Charles Hetzel .....	Waymart, Pa.
Marshall Smith .....	Honesdale, Pa., R. D. No. 4
Grant Wilson .....	Greentown, Pa.
Oliver Locklin, Locklin Lake .....	Lakeville, Pa.
Henry Maskers .....	Greentown, Pa., R. D. No. 1
Angie W. Peoples .....	New Providence, Pa.
Ziba Lott .....	Meshoppen, Pa.
Christian Liebrich, Little Meadow Lake 616 Pittston St., Scranton, Pa.	
George Gredlein .....	Honesdale, Pa., R. D. No. 2
Charles A. Weiser .....	Pottstown, Pa.

F. L. Benjamin .....	Cortez, Pa.
Levi Edwards .....	Elmhurst, Pa., R. D. No. 1
F. G. Polley .....	Lake Ariel, Pa.
Paul J. Knorr .....	Honesdale, Pa.

#### CLOSED WATERS

This subject has been taken care of under "Creating New Fishing Waters" with the exception of requests for the closing of waters presumably for increasing fishing.

The Board has gone on record as being opposed to the closing of any waters to fishing except those within the wire enclosure of a Game Reserve, the waters within the confines of a cooperative nursery, or within the limits of a public park, borough or city for exhibition purposes.

As set forth in the last biennial report, nothing is to be gained by closing waters with the hope of increasing the fishing, the proper method to pursue is to file applications each year for the waters you are interested in. The size of the fish now being distributed will do much more to increase the fishing than closing waters for a period of time.

The Board would suggest that when the question is brought up at meetings of Associations or others, that they get in touch with the Board at Harrisburg and go over the entire proposition in their particular case.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Grateful acknowledgment is made to all Associations, Clubs, individuals and fishermen generally throughout the Commonwealth who assisted the Board so ably during the last biennium. Without their cooperation our work indeed would have been a failure.

Much credit should be given to those connected with the various Railroads for the free transportation of fish and eggs, and the return of empty cans to the hatcheries. Without their splendid assistance it would have been impossible to distribute the fish from our hatcheries.

The public Press has been most generous in publishing items of interest to the fishermen, and placing before the public the many activities of the Board. Through this source we have kept in close touch with the fishermen.

Tribute should also be paid to the entire personnel of the Board for their combined efforts in making the administration of its many activities one of the most noteworthy since the enactment of the fishermen's license law.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Covering Fiscal Period June 1, 1926 to May 31, 1928.

In explanation of the balance at the end of the biennium, this amount represents the greater part of the total receipts for any calendar year. To budget and expend the total estimated receipts in any biennium would leave the Board without sufficient funds to carry on its activities during the balance of the year at the end of the biennium.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

*June 1, 1926 to May 31, 1928*

Balance—FISH FUND—June 1, 1926 .....	\$208,725.03
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<i>Receipts</i>	
Resident Fishing Licenses .....	623,094.22
Non-resident Fishing Licenses .....	36,645.85
Fines .....	31,725.40
Commercial Hatchery Licenses .....	630.50
Shad Seine Licenses .....	194.00
Lake Erie Licenses .....	12,417.00
Interest .....	15,243.63
Other Sources .....	1,403.82

Total .....	\$721,354.42
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Total Funds available this Biennium .....	930,079.45
Less—Expenditures this Biennium .....	600,788.47
Balance—FISH FUND—June 1, 1928 .....	329,290.98

#### Balances

State Treasury .....	329,223.17
Mechanics Trust Company, Harrisburg, Penna. .....	67.81

Total .....	\$329,290.98
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#### DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Administrative Salaries .....	\$ 43,210.60
Administrative Expenses—Fishermen's License Tags, office supplies and equipment; furniture and fixtures, etc. .....	52,556.75

Traveling Expenses—Board Members, Commissioner of Fisheries, etc. ....	8,407.14
Legal Expenses ....	975.38
Printing—Resident Fishing Licenses; all printing supplies for administrative offices, hatcheries and field ....	9,141.05
Salaries and Expenses of Fish Wardens ....	92,174.61
Hatchery Operations—Payment of salaries and expenses of all employes at the six hatcheries, expenses hatching, rearing and distribution of fish, etc. ....	267,158.16
Operating Tug "Commodore Perry" on Lake Erie—salaries of crew, operating expenses in patrol work, collection of fish and eggs, distribution of fish, etc. ....	15,903.92
Purchase of Land ....	17,463.21
Field Work—Salaries and expenses of field employes—expenses in collection of fish and fish eggs supplied to hatcheries, etc. ....	44,609.58
Buildings, ponds, extensions, etc. New construction work at all hatcheries ....	48,265.24
Research ....	872.83
Refunds to County Treasurers ....	50.00
<b>Total</b> ....	<b>600,788.47</b>

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### DATA IN RE: NUMBER OF RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSES ISSUED SINCE THE LAWS BECAME EFFECTIVE

#### RESIDENT (Effective January 1, 1922)

Year	Number	Cost
1922	203,061	\$1.00 each
1923	214,392	\$1.00 each
1924	247,281	\$1.00 each
1925	250,873	\$1.00 each
1926	261,109	\$1.00 each
1927	293,397	\$1.00 each

#### NON-RESIDENT (Effective July 8, 1919)

1919	50	\$5.00 each
1920	1,836	\$5.00 each
1921	2,031	\$5.00 each
1922	2,768	\$5.00 each
1923	2,931	\$5.00 each
1924	2,964	\$5.00 each
1925	3,182	\$5.00 each
1926	3,776	Reciprocal
1927	5,200	Reciprocal

RESIDENT CITIZEN'S FISHING LICENSES ISSUED  
Calendar Years 1922-1927, Inc.

	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Total	203,061	214,392	247,280	250,873	261,109	293,397
Office of Board	12,241	9,554	9,484	8,268	7,599	7,181
Fish Wardens	6,068	8,915	8,171	2,302	-----	-----
County Treasurers						
Adams	894	1,000	1,164	1,134	1,294	1,148
Allegheny	5,799	7,374	9,000	9,956	10,545	11,698
Armstrong	1,159	1,448	1,959	1,925	1,771	2,761
Beaver	1,060	1,323	1,953	2,192	2,235	2,664
Bedford	1,593	1,622	2,049	1,978	1,951	2,174
Berks	6,774	7,288	7,505	8,448	9,406	10,272
Blair	4,890	5,285	5,963	6,037	6,073	6,799
Bradford	3,122	2,846	3,930	4,025	4,409	4,973
Bucks	1,830	1,697	1,701	1,885	2,011	2,121
Butler	1,750	2,618	3,510	3,950	3,032	3,372
Cambria	4,446	4,450	5,599	5,604	5,962	6,787
Cameron	684	702	709	731	827	924
Carbon	2,191	2,162	2,689	2,911	2,952	3,440
Centre	2,295	2,407	2,760	2,737	3,048	3,308
Chester	1,868	2,086	2,195	2,291	2,365	2,609
Clarion	819	1,085	1,583	1,483	1,587	2,053
Clearfield	3,336	3,164	3,744	3,667	4,193	4,831
Clinton	2,661	2,603	3,061	3,034	3,308	3,532
Columbia	2,591	2,603	3,079	3,440	3,508	3,753
Crawford	3,161	3,180	4,012	4,078	5,198	5,180
Cumberland	1,839	1,917	1,953	1,901	2,145	2,221
Dauphin	4,381	4,659	5,350	5,992	6,183	6,919
Delaware	634	1,002	924	949	1,107	1,248
Elk	1,508	1,648	1,576	1,712	1,926	2,502
Erie	4,977	6,303	8,034	8,415	9,117	10,365
Fayette	2,539	2,818	3,373	3,406	3,504	4,045
Forest	620	695	677	775	741	749
Franklin	1,474	1,966	2,204	2,031	1,994	2,037
Fulton	217	224	349	417	273	360
Greene	811	920	1,147	1,116	1,146	1,536
Huntingdon	1,709	1,991	2,504	2,250	2,096	2,415
Indiana	980	1,248	1,400	1,418	1,510	2,058
Jefferson	1,459	1,516	1,560	1,642	1,716	2,105
Juniata	637	682	878	829	682	855
Lackawanna	14,089	14,578	16,549	17,896	17,637	19,724
Lancaster	5,271	5,605	6,053	6,177	6,184	6,066
Lawrence	1,802	2,286	3,245	2,944	3,222	3,640
Lebanon	1,643	1,908	2,315	2,363	2,508	2,499
Lehigh	2,910	3,590	5,443	6,534	8,089	9,209
Luzerne	15,604	13,945	16,497	18,296	18,403	23,167
Lycoming	6,221	6,418	6,850	6,881	7,570	8,496
McKean	2,261	2,273	2,277	2,471	2,703	3,312
Mercer	2,599	3,338	4,101	4,172	4,566	5,022
Mifflin	1,577	1,965	2,478	2,311	2,402	3,050
Monroe	2,803	2,818	3,121	2,965	3,394	3,718
Montgomery	3,465	3,466	3,617	3,714	4,774	5,162
Montour	416	485	562	589	604	699
Northampton	3,302	3,379	3,548	3,474	3,676	3,888
Northumberland	3,589	3,830	4,696	4,966	4,774	5,457
Perry	562	556	592	646	585	801
Philadelphia	4,011	4,043	4,858	5,099	5,889	6,232
Pike	535	638	633	704	1,093	1,201
Potter	2,190	1,768	1,594	2,258	2,521	2,891
Schuylkill	4,352	3,469	4,642	5,020	5,333	6,569
Snyder	820	788	853	803	740	800
Somerset	2,391	2,864	2,831	2,895	2,971	3,526
Sullivan	592	600	848	713	749	785
Susquehanna	2,774	2,239	2,229	3,580	3,752	4,151
Tioga	2,209	2,320	2,312	2,476	2,495	2,721
Union	1,436	1,695	1,997	1,788	1,836	1,981
Venango	3,242	3,633	4,373	4,099	4,214	4,624
Warren	2,540	2,683	2,817	2,880	3,029	3,442
Washington	2,108	2,292	3,019	3,265	3,384	3,796
Wayne	2,181	2,344	2,638	2,858	3,120	3,264
Westmoreland	2,649	3,300	4,365	4,106	4,503	5,218
Wyoming	1,163	1,270	1,463	1,543	1,515	1,657
York	4,717	5,005	6,025	5,449	5,440	5,634

STATEMENT OF PROSECUTIONS  
FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LAWS GOVERNING FISHING  
YEARS—1926-1927

Charge	Number of Arrests
Illegal Devices	327
Fishing Without Licenses	389
Sunday Fishing	93
Taking Under-size Fish	137
Taking Fish Out of Season	67
Dynamiting	27
Loaning License	21
Aliens	21
Illegal Number of Fish	21
Fishing in Hatchery Grounds	6
Fishing in Closed Streams	6
Taking Frogs by use of Light	22
Pollution	4
Interference With Officer	3
Drawing Dams without Permit	2
Taking Frogs out of Season	3
False Information	2
Total	1,151

Report of Commercial Fish Hatcheries  
Production and Value of Fish  
1926

Species	Number	Pounds	Eggs	Value
Brook Trout—Market	180,991	58,438	-----	\$48,639.67
Brook Trout—Live Mature	150,220	-----	-----	25,102.02
Brook Trout—Advance Fry	101,900	-----	-----	1,960.50
Brook Trout—Green Eggs	-----	-----	5,550,000	5,540.00
Brook Trout—Eyes Eggs	-----	-----	24,043,000	25,330.23
Rainbow Trout—Market	2,613	800	-----	1,000.00
Rainbow Trout—Live Mat.	3,332	-----	-----	914.10
Rainbow Trout—Adv. Fry	7,500	-----	-----	112.50
Rainbow Trout—Eyes Eggs	-----	-----	695,800	1,043.70
Brown Trout—Live Mature	14,900	-----	-----	1,836.57
Goldfish	1,321	-----	-----	79.95
Sunfish	7,812	-----	-----	391.67
Bait-Fish	160,944	-----	-----	3,307.50
Miscellaneous	3,345	367	-----	377.60
Total	634,898	59,605	30,288,800	\$115,635.01

Report of Commercial Fish Hatcheries  
Production and Value of Fish  
1927

Species	Number	Pounds	Eggs	Value
Brook Trout—Market	168,112	55,944	-----	\$44,652.37
Brook Trout—Live Mature	206,940	-----	-----	40,841.68
Brook Trout—Advance Fry	324,633	-----	-----	4,256.60
Brook Trout—Fingerlings (3" to 5")	101,172	-----	7,554,125	3,035.16
Brook Trout—Green Eggs	-----	-----	44,300,254	5,794.89
Brook Trout—Eyed Eggs	15,900	-----	-----	46,043.40
Brown Trout	-----	-----	-----	2,073.40
Rainbow Trout—Eyed Eggs	-----	-----	870,250	1,305.37
Rainbow Trout—Market	2,800	933	-----	1,166.08
Rainbow Trout—Live Mature	4,737	-----	-----	714.87
Goldfish	300,949	-----	-----	12,103.80
Sunfish	5,383	-----	-----	269.39
Perch	189	-----	-----	9.45
Catfish	1,475	380	-----	125.00
Pickerel	431	235	-----	53.30
Bait-fish	208,533	-----	-----	4,216.15
Miscellaneous	-----	120	-----	35.60
Total	1,341,254	57,632	52,724,629	\$166,696.51

REPORT OF CATCH OF FISH  
LAKE ERIE  
Pennsylvania Waters  
1926

Species of Fish	Pounds	Estimated Value
Blue Pike	2,935,674	\$211,015.60
Cisco	1,126,321	122,237.26
White Fish	605,391	124,690.74
Yellow Perch	76,394	6,448.65
Carp	50,297	3,162.53
Pike Perch	10,209	1,444.59
Catfish	1,994	360.96
Sturgeon	1,776	710.40
Lake Trout	48	8.64
Miscellaneous	193,351	14,035.58
	5,001,455	\$484,114.95

REPORT OF CATCH OF FISH  
LAKE ERIE  
Pennsylvania Waters  
1927

Species of Fish	Pounds	Estimated Value
Blue Pike	2,189,557	\$214,378.73
Cisco	1,624,737	198,048.23
White Fish	288,135	72,475.51
Yellow Perch	206,329	19,881.37
Gray Bass	33,808	1,345.35
Mullets	20,329	577.41
Pike Perch	19,175	2,675.61
Burbot	7,443	117.91
White Bass	4,343	347.44
Carp	3,465	125.13
Catfish	3,157	376.50
Sturgeon	1,109	443.60
Lake Trout	52	6.50
Miscellaneous	6,555	1,384.28
	4,408,194	\$512,183.57

STATEMENT  
SHOWING CATCH OF FISH IN LAKE ERIE  
PENNSYLVANIA WATERS  
1918-1927, Inc.

Species of Fish	Number of Pounds	Value
Cisco	85,003,626	\$4,469,440.54
Blue Pike	21,442,873	1,314,513.17
Yellow Perch	1,014,647	75,451.96
Pike Perch	1,306,733	87,097.52
White Fish	3,190,590	653,212.00
Lake Trout	4,409	623.45
Catfish	7,857	1,048.95
Carp	196,775	8,853.10
Sturgeon	7,089	2,705.01
Burbot	22,222	849.76
Mullets	28,430	792.73
Miscellaneous	802,869	38,657.99
	113,028,120	\$6,653,246.18

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT  
BY YEARS SHOWING CATCH OF FISH IN LAKE ERIE  
PENNSYLVANIA WATERS  
1918-1927, Inc.

Species of Fish	1918		1919		1920		1921		1922	
	Pounds	Estimated value	Pounds	Estimated value	Pounds	Estimated value	Pounds	Estimated value	Pounds	Estimated value
Total	23,547,000	\$536,675.66	6,616,521	\$533,016.20	7,164,822	\$684,680.38	11,950,383	\$574,679.96	13,726,696	\$784,570.44
Cisco	23,095,279	476,599.18	5,899,890	430,802.24	6,361,253	554,758.42	8,569,964	390,711.37	9,416,591	528,947.57
Blue Pike	78,582	6,788.00	79,556	7,530.45	302,177	21,577.15	2,741,420	97,530.68	2,593,104	105,092.53
Yellow Perch	79,996	6,686.82	52,306	5,812.40	18,417	1,409.57	70,311	3,325.71	53,501	2,738.89
Pike Perch	6,451	858.23	2,672	344.35	6,128	838.49	5,679	915.25	1,214,215	74,600.64
White Fish	187,343	40,866.69	463,502	84,715.14	366,737	80,890.20	490,208	79,711.29	361,921	70,165.20
Lake Trout	97	19.40	586	69.06	704	85.26	2,536	405.45	371	26.89
Catfish	229	14.16	111	8.88	358	38.62	277	40.15	338	27.68
Carp	10,864	422.98	14,521	736.72	15,381	827.57	992	26.85	21,120	558.26
Sturgeon	893	271.94	615	245.67	-----	-----	-----	889	355.60	-----
Burbot	14,579	729.85	102,765	2,751.29	-----	4,264.10	68,996	2,013.21	64,646	2,057.18
Miscellaneous	72,690	3,418.41	-----	-----	93,667	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Cisco	17,611,153	\$1,145,069.82	16,977,513	\$897,025.20	Pounds	Estimated value	Pounds	Estimated value	Pounds	Estimated value
Blue Pike	14,349,200	968,608.83	13,499,438	695,509.58	1,060,953	\$83,217.86	1,126,321	\$484,114.95	5,001,455	\$4,408,194
Yellow Perch	3,013,490	150,783.13	3,076,901	162,274.88	3,077,542.02	2,935,674	211,015.60	2,189,557	122,237.26	1,624,737
Pike Perch	98,301	5,300.06	199,402	11,011.02	12,837.47	76,394	6,448.65	206,329	1,444.59	198,048.23
White Fish	9,184	1,296.97	18,401	2,021.70	2,101.69	14,619	10,209	124,690.74	19,175	214,378.73
Lake Trout	66,895	16,331.78	111,888	22,803.42	248,570	60,562.03	605,391	288,135	8,64	19,881.37
Catfish	144	11.52	290	2.25	15	2.25	48	52	52	2,675.61
Carp	32,196	976.71	29,244	28.68	141,80	1,904	360,96	3,157	3,157	72,475.51
Sturgeon	288	115.20	808	18,695	749.18	50,297	3,162,53	3,465	3,465	6,50
Burbot	200	2.00	-----	711	281,95	1,776	710,40	1,109	1,109	376.50
White Bass	60	2.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,443	7,443	125.13
Mullets	41,195	1,641.22	41,141	1,828.10	8,101	215.32	3,569.45	4,343	4,343	577.41
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	-----	-----	79,652	-----	193,351	20,329	20,329	2,729.63
Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	40,363	40,363	14,035.58

LAKER FISHERIES, 1927  
Cateh by States

Species	New York			Pennsylvania			Ohio			Michigan		
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Lake Trout	50,610	\$7,993	52	\$7	6,785	335	6,785	335	4,180	492	4,180	492
White Fish	259,869	53,448	288,135	72,476	242,101	-----	242,101	-----	9,923	532	9,923	532
Lake Herring	102,347	8,990	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,604	661	2,604	661
Chubs	612,050	77,435	1,624,737	198,048	113,452	13,614	113,452	13,614	12,861	1,007,387	12,861	1,007,387
Cisco	24,546	11,919	1,100	444	2,676	204,256	2,676	204,256	1,268,670	296,747	1,268,670	296,747
Sturgeon	24,522	4,292	19,175	2,189,557	214,379	4,636,669	2,189,557	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669
Yellow Pike	497,366	49,445	2,189,557	214,379	4,636,669	2,189,557	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669	4,636,669
Blue Pike	140,776	9,670	20,329	577	1,144,197	89,247	20,329	577	971,666	43,725	971,666	43,725
Sauger	79,555	7,838	33,808	1,345	4,065,713	89,446	33,808	1,345	4,065,713	261,224	4,065,713	261,224
Sucker "Mullet"	-----	-----	19,881	2,468,417	182,663	-----	19,881	2,468,417	182,663	665,470	182,663	665,470
Sheepshead	18,879	1,660	3,465	125	733,911	36,696	3,465	125	733,911	63,661	733,911	63,661
Yellow Perch	-----	-----	4,343	347	116,781	11,678	4,343	347	116,781	11,678	116,781	11,678
Pike (Jacks)	-----	-----	3,157	377	535,730	41,259	3,157	377	535,730	41,259	535,730	41,259
Carp	41,950	7,427	7,443	118	349,921	6,998	7,443	118	349,921	6,998	349,921	6,998
White Bass	88,709	9,256	6,555	1,384	6,715	134	8,434	1,384	6,715	134	6,715	134
Catfish and Bullheads	78,363	8,434	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Burbot	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,019,542</b>	<b>\$257,807</b>	<b>4,408,194</b>	<b>\$512,184</b>	<b>16,653,943</b>	<b>\$1,064,883</b>	<b>16,653,943</b>	<b>\$1,064,883</b>	<b>32,503,014</b>	<b>\$3,078,151</b>	<b>32,503,014</b>	<b>\$3,078,151</b>

LAKE FISHERIES, 1927  
Catch by States

Species	Indiana			Wisconsin			Minnesota			Total	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value	
Lake Trout	252,546	\$30,500	167,354	\$31,707	2,912,762	\$520,173	322,689	\$45,412	10,492,359	\$1,720,542	
White Fish	22,436	5,609	29,045	2,905	388,433	68,458	81,462	10,874	5,482,928	1,010,334	
Lake Herring	143,332	14,335	2,02,990	2,005	2,02,990	90,829	9,275,861	329,277	22,177,127	768,320	
Chubs	234,184	28,104	175,270	21,032	3,042,758	276,258	559,413	33,146	6,616,286	586,968	
Cisco	—	—	—	—	—	—	800	—	190	—	2,350,239
Sturgeon	—	—	—	—	—	—	48,859	8,983	656,723	98,761	3,025,336
Yellow Pike	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,323,592	540,691
Blue Pike	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,245,734	580,871
Sauerk "Mullet"	1,949	195	—	—	—	—	—	—	139,471	3,893	4,765,345
Sheepshead	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94,791	297,957
Yellow Perch	32,488	11,090	16,690	2,003	1,445,664	71,290	20,633	—	5,063	4,905,266	348,631
Pike (Jacks)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26,493	—
Carp	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
White Bass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catfish and Bullheads	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tulibees	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burbot	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	775,716	\$113,507	388,359	\$57,757	12,410,466	\$1,127,015	12,167,316	\$553,607	81,326,550	\$6,734,891	

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LAKE FISHERIES 1913-1927

Catch by Lakes

Year	Lake Ontario†	Lake Erie	Lake Huron	Lake Michigan	Lake Superior	Lake of the Woods,‡ Rainy Lake and Namakan Lake	Total
1913	210,000	22,120,000	11,184,000	26,994,000	6,417,000	1,384,000	68,300,000
1914	277,000	53,571,000	8,248,000	28,195,000	7,088,000	1,246,000	98,625,000
1915	395,000	59,509,000	10,245,000	31,680,000	5,694,000	1,425,000	108,948,000
1916	317,000	41,223,000	17,145,000	23,023,000	5,437,000	1,287,000	88,432,000
1917	656,000	41,416,000	12,512,000	29,317,000	9,889,000	2,103,000	95,893,000
1918	524,000	51,479,000	14,966,000	26,675,000	11,546,000	1,489,000	106,679,000
1919	472,000	35,154,000	15,240,000	29,820,000	10,500,000	1,277,000	92,463,000
1920	314,000	32,192,000	11,250,000	23,053,000	9,267,000	1,299,000	77,375,000
1921	1,855,000	46,731,000	9,330,000	17,018,000	7,476,000	1,048,000	83,458,000
1922	889,000	40,912,000	13,481,000	16,605,000	6,569,000	978,000	79,434,000
1923	710,000	44,378,000	9,920,000	15,358,000	7,584,000	1,159,000	79,109,000
1924	1,049,000	40,264,000	9,074,000	17,694,000	8,944,000	1,256,000	78,281,000
1925	446,000	26,639,000	6,567,000	21,710,000	12,307,000	1,463,000	69,132,000
1926	788,000	25,057,000	13,132,000	20,495,000	13,436,000	2,392,000	75,300,000
1927	698,000	23,796,000	15,711,000	23,681,000	15,302,000	2,139,000	81,327,000
Average	640,000	38,963,000	11,867,000	23,421,000	9,163,000	1,463,000	85,517,000

† Includes the catch in Lake Ontario proper and Chaumont Bay in the years from 1913 to 1924 inclusive, Lake Ontario proper in 1925, and Lake Ontario proper, Niagara River below the falls, St. Lawrence River and Chaumont, Black River, Port, Great Sodus and Little Sodus Bays, in 1926.

‡ Does not include the catch in Namakan and Rainy Lakes prior to 1926.

Note.—The catch in the Detroit River, St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair are not included in these statistics.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
BOARD of FISH COMMISSIONERS

Harrisburg, Penna.

Statement of the Distribution of Fish—January 1 to December 31, 1926

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## (Distribution of Fish for the Year 1926—Giving Value)

Species	Size	Age	Number	Value (If Purchased)
Trout	4" to 10 & 12"	1 & 2 year old	1,087,315	\$114,688.22
Bass	2 to 6 in.	3 to 6 months	699,840	209,952.00
Pike Perch	Fry	Fry & 1 & 2 years	119,703,317	54,275.90
Yellow Perch	Fry	4 mo. to 1 yr.	151,078,735	67,429.45
Sunfish	1½ to 5 in.	4 mo. to 1 yr.	590,425	33,719.50
Catfish	1½ to 8 in.	4 mo. to 1 yr.	260,935	14,950.50
Minnows	Adult		1,375,000	13,750.00
Blue Pike	Fry		33,885,000	8,471.25
White Fish	Fry		4,235,400	635.31
Cisco	Fry		13,336,000	2,000.40
Miscellaneous			484,600	25,915.00
				326,736,567
				\$545,787.53
				Total

County	Trout	Bass	Pike Perch	Yellow Perch	Sunfish	Catfish	Frogs	Minnows	Blue Pike	Cisco & White Fish	Miscel.	Total For County	Value
Adams	2,000	17,500	1,050,000	—	4,500	1,425	—	—	—	—	—	1,085,425	\$6,423.50
Allegheny	—	—	350,000	250,000	5,400	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	256,900	539.00
Armstrong	—	—	—	250,000	1,500	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	602,500	420.00
Beaver	—	8,750	125,000	—	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	—	134,750	2,747.50
Bedford	—	23,000	3,460,000	1,695,600	15,000	1,200	4,500	30,000	—	—	—	5,240,800	12,414.50
Berks	—	15,000	320,000	15,000	37,675	2,800	—	30,000	—	—	—	431,150	9,356.50
Blair	—	5,000	3,350,000	3,390,000	6,000	900	—	1,500	—	—	—	6,828,675	8,002.00
Blair	—	15,275	640,000	11,000	1,500	1,800	—	—	—	—	—	684,050	4,748.00
Bradford	—	29,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,628,700
Bucks	—	—	29,000	1,250,000	3,250,400	29,000	300	—	—	—	—	1,387,150	8,914.00
Butler	—	4,800	22,500	1,100,000	251,350	7,500	1,000	—	—	—	—	5,216,000	13,320.50
Cambria	—	12,700	15,000	1,150,000	3,956,500	24,000	6,800	—	—	—	—	—	51,000

Cameron	3,600	250,000	500	6,000	4,400	3,000	120,000
Carbon	20,100	1,120,000	500	6,800	-----	6,000	80,000
Centre	64,600	480,000	500,000	3,000	300	48,000	-----
Chester	7,575	2,500	500	2,262,800	2,375,000	36,000	6,000
Clarion	25,920	500	500	750,000	7,200	600	120,000
Clearfield	57,950	1,215,000	1,382,500	10,500	3,850	24,000	50,000
Clinton	40,040	9,400	500	5,520,045	7,500	1,140	32,000
Columbia	10,350	22,540	9,320,032	17,000	22,500	4,100	9,000
Crawford	47,800	31,250	1,370,000	1,500,000	13,500	7,600	20,000
Cumberland	8,000	10,000	1,500,000	375,400	25,300	1,700	9,000
Dauphin	350	20,000	-----	-----	7,500	300	1,500
Delaware	31,300	18,100	4,550,000	27,450,000	21,500	6,500	50,000
Elk	500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Erie	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lake Erie	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fayette	21,500	27,500	960,000	1,324,750	1,800	1,500	3,000
Forest	22,300	20,000	500,000	-----	16,500	4,000	6,000
Franklin	34,000	6,600	-----	-----	-----	1,000	1,000
Fulton	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,427,800	7,577,00
Greene	17,000	9,500	1,280,000	1,881,350	6,800	3,000	1,500
Huntingdon	2,300	-----	-----	-----	7,500	1,200	3,000
Indiana	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,500	-----	-----
Jefferson	600	32,900	32,500	660,000	12,000	2,000	10,000
Juniata	11,050	55,000	4,000,000	4,818,250	18,500	28,250	9,000
Lackawanna	2,200	12,500	3,300,000	2,125,000	25,500	2,425	15,000
Lancaster	7,000	7,500	480,000	505,000	14,250	2,800	-----
Lawrence	24,750	35,000	2,240,000	1,250	1,250	1,000	3,000
Lebanon	49,300	20,000	950,000	1,320,000	7,500	2,400	30,000
Lehigh	26,100	7,500	700,000	700,000	7,500	4,650	6,000
Luzerne	7,700	7,500	5,575,000	1,760,000	14,400	5,000	56,000
Lycoming	4,100	12,500	1,000,000	160,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
McKean	48,525	800	325,000	3,250,250	15,150	1,650	10,150
Mercer	-----	24,500	-----	-----	18,000	2,100	1,500
Mifflin	-----	-----	-----	-----	20,000	-----	20,000
Monroe	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,000	-----	2,000
Montgomery	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,250,000	15,000	20,000
Montour	26,890	-----	-----	-----	1,225,000	4,500	600
Northampton	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,311,890
Northumberland	13,000	2,600	2,000,000	7,300,000	8,000,700	3,200	200
Perry	24,625	27,500	3,841,168	3,841,168	2,874,950	3,195	22,815
Philadelphia	70,500	-----	4,000,000	4,000,000	2,000,000	12,500	1,700
Pike	-----	-----	1,540,000	1,540,000	4,500	3,000	3,700
Potter	-----	-----	250,000	40,000	2,000	10,000	30,000
Schuylkill	-----	7,500	40,000	40,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Snyder	20,075	30,600	40,000	40,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Somerset	-----	-----	250,000	250,000	9,900	3,700	3,700
Sullivan	-----	-----	200	200	1,000	50,000	50,000

(Distribution of Fish for the Year 1926—Giving Value)

County	Trout	Bass	Pike Perch	Yellow Perch	Sunfish	Catfish	Frogs	Minnows	Blue Pike	Cisco & White Fish	Miscel.	Total For County	Value
Tioga	46,230	---	---	---	5,250	1,500	---	---	---	---	---	52,980	4,687.40
Union	9,560	---	20,000	3,440,000	880,000	3,000	2,500	18,000	---	---	---	29,060	1,873.60
Venango	13,200	20,000	1,700,000	1,804,000	15,000	3,000	10,000	(Tadpoles)	25,000	---	---	4,388,700	9,536.00
Warren	26,550	20,000	4,000,117	900	3,000	6,490	66,845	---	---	---	---	3,575,550	11,075.00
Washington	1,100	48,700	4,000,117	568,740	250,000	6,500	4,000	300	20,000	20,000	1,750	4,732,667	366.00
Wayne	14,975	2,500	1,152,000	1,925	1,440,125	10,500	300	1,500	30,000	30,000	---	276,400	3,155.00
Westmoreland	19,900	3,750	1,500,000	1,440,125	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,187,050	2,854.62
Wyoming	6,625	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,099,675	4,055.50
York	13,500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	326,736,567	545,787.52
Total	136,730	73,500	13,700,000	13,804,000	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	326,736,567	545,787.52

The following is a report of exchange of eggs, also fish distributed for exhibition purposes.

Name	Species of Fish or Eggs	Number	In Exchange For
Province of Ontario, Canada	Eyed Brook Trout Eggs	500,000	S. M. Adult breeding Bass.
U. S. Bureau of Fisheries	Eyed Brook Trout Eggs	500,000	Eyed Cisco for L. Wallenpaupack.
U. S. Bureau of Fisheries	Eyed Brook Trout Eggs	1,451,000	White Fish & Cisco Eggs.
State of N. C.	---	---	---
Waynesville Hatchery	Eyed Brook Trout Eggs	200,000	'Terrapin.
Trexier Hatchery—Allentown, Pa.	Eyed Brown Trout Eggs	340,180	Brook Trout Eggs.
Blooming Grove, Pike County, Pennsylvania	Pike Perch Fry	250,000	Fingerling Brook Trout.
Philadelphia Fairmount Park Aquarium, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia	Gold Fish	220	Exhibition and Scientific Purposes.
Schools Individuals	Trout	1,321	Exhibition and Scientific Purposes.
	Tadpoles & Frogs	202	Exhibition and Scientific Purposes.
	Miscellaneous	61	Exhibition and Scientific Purposes.
	Catfish & Sunfish	6,983	To assist in starting fish ponds.

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Species	Size	Age	Number (If Purchased)	Value
Trout	4" to 10 & 12" 2 to 6 inch	1 and 2 year old 3 to 6 months	1,318,445 532,900	\$152,886.65 150,870.00
Bass	Fry & 1 & 2 yrs.	30,183,400	20,087.60	
Pike Perch	1½ to 5 inch	680,565	56,776.87	
Yellow Perch	Adult	692,600	33,318.00	
Sunfish	1½ to 8 inch	65,055	4,700.50	
Catfish	Fry	997,000	11,010.00	
Minnows	Fry	1,500,000	225.00	
White Fish	Fry	20,660,000	1,260,000	
Cisco	Fry	12,690,000	3,152.50	
Blue Pike	Fry	114,700	5,735.00	
Frogs	Embryo	20,400	10,276.00	
Miscellaneous		234,614.55	\$463,157.12	
Total				

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(Distribution of Fish for the Year 1927—Giving Value)

County	Trout	Bass	Pike Perch	Yellow Perch	Sunfish	Catfish	Frogs	Minnows	Blue Pike	Cisco & White Fish	Miscel.	Total For County	Value	
Adams	500	---	---	---	5,700	900	2,000	---	---	---	---	500	\$50.00	
Allegheny	---	---	224,000	337,500	1,200	75,500	200	---	---	---	---	7,700	328.00	
Armstrong	---	---	380,000	6,000	6,000	43,000	10,400	2,000	2,500	10,000	75,000	563,700	382.75	
Beaver	6,500	1,200	1,200,000	484,000	20,000	484,000	10,400	10,400	75,000	40,000	40,000	455,700	4,702.00	
Bedford	7,800	20,000	20,000	200,000	6,750	6,750	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	632,200	2,455.80	
Berks	11,200	5,000	484,000	484,000	6,000	6,000	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	500	1,293,000	11,412.00
Bucks	27,100	17,500	750,000	7,750,000	23,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	500	541,350	9,157.50
Butler	20,300	---	300,000	224,000	300,000	224,000	10,500	10,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	374,820	6,400.90	
Cambria	7,920	5,000	5,000	5,000	18,000	18,000	15,000	15,000	10,500	10,500	10,500	276,300	4,655.00	

(Distribution of Fish for the Year 1927—Giving Value)

County	Trout	Bass	Pike Perch	Yellow Perch	Sunfish	Catfish	Frogs	Minnows	Blue Pike	White Fish	Cisco & White Fish	Miscel.	Total For County	Value	
Cameron	20,980	—	672,000	—	—	1,500	—	10,000	—	—	—	—	704,480	2,453.30	
Carson	47,120	—	692,000	—	—	375	—	60,000	—	—	—	—	866,495	7,754.90	
Centre	30,800	—	392,000	—	—	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	434,800	4,732.00	
Chester	21,600	—	4,500	—	—	1,550	—	2,000	—	—	—	—	788,650	5,142.00	
Clarion	13,900	—	—	—	—	800	—	—	—	—	—	—	464,700	2,003.50	
Clearfield	62,940	—	—	—	—	1,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	279,840	7,384.90	
Clinton	28,700	—	600,000	—	1,250,000	10,400	—	1,500	—	—	—	—	1,985,200	4,890.50	
Columbia	13,600	—	55,500	—	121,000	312,500	4,500	100	—	10,000	—	—	461,700	2,658.75	
Crawford	11,260	—	57,500	3,166,000	4,910,545	32,000	1,300	—	25,000	—	—	—	7,534,505	2,705.35	
Cumberland	23,625	—	17,000	960,000	2,108,920	23,000	1,280	3,000	—	70,000	—	—	3,291,825	12,157.25	
Dauphin	7,900	—	2,500	1,220,000	318,850	12,000	250	—	45,000	—	—	—	1,606,500	3,878.25	
Delaware	—	—	—	—	750,000	9,500	1,600	—	—	—	—	—	761,200	1,047.00	
Elk	47,210	—	—	—	875,000	1,400	—	—	4,000	—	—	—	51,210	5,117.60	
Erie	10,830	—	3,000	924,000	56,400,000	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	3,099,80	14,635.50	
Lake Erie	—	—	—	1,660,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,690,000	1,500,000	89,110,000	14,635.50	
Fayette	23,100	—	—	100,000	—	—	3,100	100	—	—	—	—	16,860,000	16,860,000	
Forest	23,230	—	—	80,000	—	—	2,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,548.00	
Franklin	21,100	—	7,500	336,000	—	—	13,500	—	—	—	—	—	105,230	3,019.70	
Fulton	10,700	—	12,000	112,000	—	—	10,500	1,500	—	—	—	—	370,600	5,631.00	
Greene	—	—	—	200,000	1,657,750	—	7,500	400	—	—	—	—	1,895,650	1,207.88	
Huntingdon	34,200	—	20,000	1,288,000	2,000,000	7,500	2,400	8,400	—	—	—	—	3,340,500	12,642.00	
Indiana	12,100	—	5,000	—	337,500	2,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	372,100	3,314.75	
Jefferson	17,600	—	—	306,750	4,500	—	200	—	—	—	—	—	520,650	2,351.37	
Juniata	5,400	—	—	448,000	750	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	464,150	1,017.00	
Lackawanna	16,600	—	—	1,331,000	943,340	18,500	240	—	2,500	—	—	—	1,200	2,325,380	
Lancaster	9,850	—	40,000	750,000	4,612,500	24,100	5,325	19,800	10,000	—	—	—	5,471,585	18,640.75	
Lawrence	9,150	—	40,000	963,200	6,000	16,000	—	76,000	—	—	—	—	1,110,350	15,533.85	
Lehigh	18,850	—	20,000	242,000	312,800	10,000	900	—	10,000	—	—	—	52,850	7,107.25	
Luzerne	74,700	—	12,500	968,000	4,690,650	22,000	5,000	300	—	20,000	—	—	5,791,150	16,355.25	
Lycoming	48,200	—	40,000	112,000	1,250,000	6,000	—	1,400	—	2,500	—	—	1,461,200	18,121.00	
Mercer	6,000	—	—	20,000	540,000	1,519,250	9,000	—	1,200	—	—	—	2,134,450	8,919.63	
McKean	43,500	—	—	—	1,350,000	7,500	600	—	3,000	—	—	—	1,401,600	5,458.00	
Mifflin	22,500	—	—	450,000	—	—	—	—	1,500	—	—	—	474,000	2,500.00	
Monroe	66,170	—	—	363,000	—	—	6,000	—	—	2,500	—	—	467,670	9,302.45	
Montgomery	1,100	—	11,500	—	500,000	17,500	—	3,700	—	—	—	—	532,500	4,816.00	
Montour	—	—	—	363,000	312,500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	675,500	337.75	
Northampton	20,550	—	—	271,000	—	16,000	—	—	—	—	15,000	—	51,550	3,265.70	
Northumberland	2,800	—	7,500	600,000	1,250,000	15,000	—	200	—	6,500	—	—	281,300	2,665.50	
Perry	15,450	—	19,750	—	10,000,000	15,000	—	14,000	—	—	10,000	—	1,912,650	7,236.00	
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	350,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10,464,000	3,392.50	
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	234,644,455	\$463,157.12

Pike	Poiter	Eyed	Brook	TROUT	Eggs	—	100,000	(Cisco)	1,500,000	—	8,000	32,970,900	32,038.12	
Seneca	30,000	1,500,000	2,250,000	2,505,700	14,800	6,000	4,000	—	5,000	—	—	6,621,35	—	
Snyder	42,500	1,168,000	2,150,000	1,350,000	8,000	900	5,000	—	—	—	—	3,382,300	14,505.00	
Somerset	23,220	1,186,000	1,875,000	1,562,500	18,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,388,120	4,733.40	
Sullivan	39,700	19,425	15,000	1,452,000	1,012,950	17,500	600	3,200	—	15,000	—	250	1,914,700	7,142.50
Susquehanna	—	38,600	18,610	1,200,000	1,200,000	13,500	3,200	—	—	—	—	—	2,283,250	6,243.25
Tioga	—	22,820	15,000	336,000	336,000	9,600	1,050	2,000	—	—	—	—	367,810	5,261.35
Union	—	39,625	100,000	100,000	675,000	10,600	400	250	—	—	—	—	386,470	7,712.70
Venango	—	14,100	5,500	326,000	1,068,150	14,000	4,000	—	—	—	—	—	788,400	1,126.50
Warren	—	39,625	5,500	1,694,600	625,300	11,253,750	11,100	4,500	—	—	—	—	14,155,475	16,170.1
Washington														

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